



New ground, new era for Bergers



Andrew Dettre

Like it or not, fans love imports

I agree with the current ASF policy that we must have a curb on the temporary-visa players joining our PSL clubs.

However, I am afraid that once again, the implementation of this policy may not be preceded by a thorough examination of the problem.

The decision will be made by administrators, many of whom seldom if ever see a PSL match; they will simply settle on a quota number, say three or four, and hope that they are right.

I wonder if our permanently settled coaches will be consulted: the views of an Eddie Thomson, John Margaritis, Len McKendry, Willie Wallace, Rale Rasic and a few others sought?

I think they are in an infinitely better position to judge how many temporary-visa imports our top clubs need to maintain their standards, how and at what intervals the quota should be reviewed and reduced.

This is a sensitive issue which will need more than a

few linguistic and patriotic clichés.

Australia is a migrant country with a large ethnic (British and others) population. A very considerable proportion of the supporters at PSL level — some people claim over 80 per cent — come from this section of our community.

So that must be taken into consideration, too, before we begin slashing quotas and slamming doors on imports.

Everybody is ooohing and aahing about the superb crowds Olympic is drawing to its games. Hardly anybody dares mention that 80 per cent of its support comes from the enormous Greek community.

In 1978, for example, the Marconi v Olympic match drew a reported 5400 fans; the Olympic v APIA game 6751.

This year, both figures doubled... In the 1979 teams against Leichhardt and Marconi, Olympic had one player of Greek descent in Peter Raskopoulos.

A new era starts for Heidelberg-Alexander when it moves to its new ground at the Olympic Village in Heidelberg for the match against reigning national champion Sydney City Hakoah on Sunday.

President Sam Gouloupoulos is confident Heidelberg will follow up its 1-0 victory over arch-rival South Melbourne Hellas last weekend by knocking off the champion on its way to a possible league title triumph.

"We are the flagship of the Greek community in Melbourne after our victory over Hellas and that victory has given all the players the confidence they need to charge up the ladder," Gouloupoulos said.

"We should have beaten Hellas 4-1, and we'll beat Hakoah as well. Mark my words."

"Our match-winners will be Gary Cole, Jimmy Campbell and Theo Selemidis who turned the corner against Hellas."

Heidelberg's move to its new ground, in Catalina Street, Heidelberg, next to Northland shopping centre, marks the club's 25th anniversary.

It was in 1958 that Heidelberg-Alexander formed its first team, although the club itself was established in previous years.



Branko Buljevic wants the corner delivered to his right but Theo Selemidis is concentrating hard. He won't be fooled. Heidelberg beat Hellas 1-0. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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Few coaches in Australia have made as great an impact as Len McKendry in as short a time.

In three seasons as coach of Heidelberg-Alexander — interrupted by a stint with State League club Croatia — McKendry has established a strong reputation for the highly-organised, ball-playing style he has instilled in his team.

That reputation was born, though, during his three years as coach of the Victorian State team which was by far the best in Australia.

Victoria's results under McKendry were: 1979: 0-1 v. Wisla Krakow, 2-0 v. South Australia, 2-4 v. Norwich City, 1-0 v. Partizan Belgrade, 2-3 v. New York Cosmos; 1980: 2-1 v. Red Star Belgrade, 4-0 v. NSW, 0-0 v. South Australia, 0-2 v. AC Milan, 1981: 1-1 v. Dinamo Zagreb, 1-2 v. New Zealand; 1982: 0-2 v. Hungary.

Of the players he used in the State team, John Yzendoorn, Yasko Banovic, Alan Davidson, Tommy Cumming, Jamie Paton, Jim Campbell, and George Christopoulos went on to play for the Socceroos.

Under McKendry, Heidelberg won the PSL grand final in 1980 and was runner up in the league and Phillips Cup as well.

Returning from Croatia in round 16 of 1981, McKendry took over Heidelberg once more when it was one point from the bottom. The team ended the season undefeated in the last eight games to finish eighth.

McKendry, who refuses to divulge his age — he's probably around 40 — gained his English FA coaching badge in 1973. After doing coaching with colleges in Michigan, U.S., and working on coaching courses with the FA in England, McKendry received offers from Saudi Arabia and Australia, through Brian Green who then was coach of the Socceroos.

He decided on Australia, and arrived in 1976, to coach Marrickville in the NSW State League for two seasons, following which he was appointed Victorian Director of Coaching in 1978.

He held that position until 1980 but continued to coach the State team until he was dropped last week by the VSF, apparently over differences with some VSF officials.

As a player, he spent three seasons with Watford, playing midfield and striker. He later played as a defender with Wealdstone in the English Southern League.

In this interview with LAURIE SCHWAB, McKendry discusses his philosophy of soccer, his players at Heidelberg, his views on the national coaching set-up, and he is merciless in his criticism of former national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

SCHWAB: Tell us about the circumstances surrounding your decision to quit your job with the VSF and take up the offer from Heidelberg.

McKENDRY: I always had said that I would do the VSF job for only two years because I was keen to get back into team coaching. If you let your competitive instinct die, then there's something wrong with you as a coach. Pat Bannon and Jimmy Rooney were Heidelberg's joint player-coaches following the departure of John Margaritis. Heidelberg had been chasing me for quite some time. So had Wollongong, but Heidelberg was more consistent in its

efforts, so I finally agreed to take over. When I joined, Heidelberg was second in the league and it was most important to maintain consistency for we were in the running for all three trophies. Their method of play had been adapted from that of the State team, because so many of their players were also in the Victorian side.

SCHWAB: What then, did you regard as your main challenge?

McKENDRY: To convince the players of the need for prolonged possession of the ball. They still were trying to play on the break a bit. Arthur McMillan and Pat Bannon were two who adapted particularly well to the possession play, even though neither was in my State team.

SCHWAB: How long did it take for you to finally perfect the style you were trying to implement?

McKENDRY: Well, it was there, but often only in spells. I think that despite a few recent setbacks, it's probably more consistent now than ever before.

SCHWAB: Your coaching style and your methods have been picked up by quite a few who did their coaching course under you, isn't that right? Let's take John Gardiner for example.

McKENDRY: I guess that's right. John does have the same beliefs, but you'd better ask him about that. It is true to say that many coaches tend to copy us and suffer by it because they don't understand the principles involved in our play.

SCHWAB: Then you had better describe the way Heidelberg plays.

McKENDRY: I believe soccer is a game of passing and supporting. It's important to make it as easy as possible for the man receiving the ball. And contrary to what some people claim, we do not play possession only at the back, but rather all over the field. We simply are a passing and supporting team, and we play to feet. While it sounds simple, it needs a lot of work and it requires intelligent players. Joe Piccone, who was in my State team, never understood it even after a long period. Many other players don't understand it either. It suits our team, but it may not suit others. I've never advocated that every team should play the way we do, but it's been successful for us. It's from Europe that I adapted it. West Germany and Holland are the biggest influence on my philosophy about soccer. The West German team that won the European championship in 1972 served to provide me with my apprenticeship. The work they did inspired me. I was very impressed with the support given by and given to those very well-known and well-respected players. That West German team is the best I have seen anywhere.

SCHWAB: You stick very rigidly to your playing style, but if you were to join a different club where you did not have players of the Heidelberg mould, what would you do?

McKENDRY: I'd have to change the style. I'd have to get the players doing what they are capable of.

SCHWAB: Your style first became evident in the Victorian State team, and it was successful for you there. . .

McKENDRY: Yes, even though I selected lesser-known players, like Yzendoorn, Tront, Short, Gilder, Paton, even Cumming who hadn't been a representative player previously. I chose all those because they could adapt to the style I wanted, and they were willing to work at perfecting it. I have explained so often that against top teams from overseas, you simply cannot afford to give the ball away. Otherwise you are made to pay for it. Gary Cole learned a lot of things within this framework. He now is as good a receiver of the ball as you will find anywhere.

SCHWAB: Some of the players emerged as stars after they had worked with you. John Yzendoorn for example.

McKENDRY: I saw him play on my first day in Melbourne. He was at Slavia then. What impressed me was the completeness of the player. After half an hour I couldn't believe that such a complete player was playing in this standard of football.

SCHWAB: Were you instrumental in getting him to Heidelberg? Isn't it a fact that you recommended him to the committee even before you became coach?

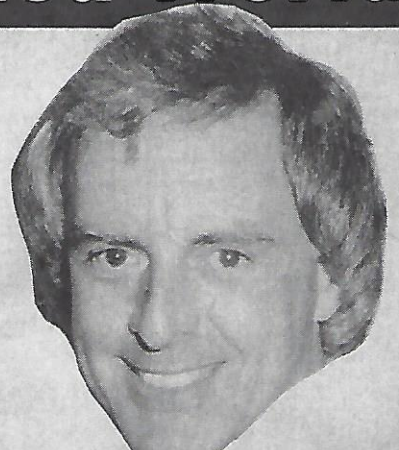
McKENDRY: I recommended Yzendoorn as well as Jamie Paton of Slavia and Yasko Banovic of Croatia.

SCHWAB: Has Yzendoorn improved even further in these past few seasons?

McKENDRY: I still say he is the most complete player in Australia, outside the best strikers. He has calmness under pressure, dedication of the highest order, application and he thinks deeply about the game. He's also two-footed and he's a magnificent tackler, he's an exceptional challenger in the air and probably the best passer of a ball in Australian soccer.

SCHWAB: Do you see Yzendoorn as being a permanent fixture in the national team, even after the so-called "tapes scandal" of last year, when Yzendoorn secretly taped a team talk by Rudi Gutendorf and allowed that tape to reach the hands of a press man?

McKENDRY: It would be catastrophic if Yzendoorn is not in the national team. The tapes incident must not be allowed to mar his international career. I believe it was done out of sheer frustration. I think he just felt frustrated, seeing our World Cup aspirations going down the drain.



Len McKendry — coach of Heidelberg-Alexander

SCHWAB: You mentioned Gary Cole earlier. Have you been able to improve his ball skills?

McKENDRY: Brian Green, the former national coach, thought Cole epitomised the Australian player — a cumbrous, falling over the ball, that sort of thing. Gary perhaps suffered because we didn't get hold of him until he was 22 or so. However, now he is controlling and receiving the ball much better. Perhaps it's too late to make him as proficient at these things as Jamie Paton, for example, but I prefer talking about Cole's real strengths. He is No. 1 among the Australian strikers.

SCHWAB: Better than Marshall Soper of APIA? He's getting all the publicity at the moment.

McKENDRY: That's all he's doing. Cole is much faster — the fastest player in Australia. He's brave and he has awesome shooting power. His standard of control in the right areas is good enough for me. He does drift into playing flicks, which don't work for him, so he has to keep his practice up.

SCHWAB: Paton and Cole have been a dynamic duo in front of goal, but if a striker is judged on the goals he scores, Paton must be a disappointment to you so far this season.

McKENDRY: Yes, that's true. He hasn't been scoring. But we have solved that problem through Jim Campbell. I had anticipated it anyway. Gary went through a poor patch last season, during which Jamie scored the goals. Now that Jamie is down a bit, Gary and Jim Campbell are making up for it. I've been using Campbell in a freer role, further forward. One of the areas in which he was lacking early was his defensive application. We corrected that, but found he suddenly was putting too much into the defensive side of his game. We weren't seeing his explosive side in attack. Now we've pushed him further up to get him among the goals again. In that position, at this stage, Campbell is the No. 1 player in Australia. His work rate is tremendous, we have added endurance to his game and he now can dominate a match for long periods.

SCHWAB: Don Macleod arrived from England last season with the experience of having been captain of Nottingham Forest's second team, yet you kept him on the bench until this year's Ampol Cup, when he displaced Bob Provan. Why did it take so long?

McKENDRY: When he first arrived I saw Macleod as a disciplined person with a lot of character but he was yet another product of what I call the wastage of English football. He did not know what pressure was, he didn't know how to support the ball, how to hold a man without support, and he tended to dive in with his tackles. I felt that if he was exposed as a centre back in the PSL he could find it tough, so I introduced him slowly. He now knows where to attack the ball and when to be more patient.

SCHWAB: You negotiated with David Jones before he joined Hellas. Would it have been a choice between Jones and Macleod?

McKENDRY: Well, Jones impressed me and I felt if Macleod couldn't do the job, Jones would. I had felt for some time there was a weakness in the middle of our defence because we had conceded a large number of goals from crosses. I was looking for a mentally and physically more committed player.

SCHWAB: With Provan on the transfer list, won't you be left without cover for the centre back positions?

McKENDRY: Well, I couldn't afford to buy Jones after Macleod had proved himself. But, if an injury does occur, we can bring in a young player from the second team. I don't want to mention him just yet.

SCHWAB: The fact remains though that you do not have a big enough squad.

McKENDRY: You're right. I want to add to it very shortly, but I have to consider the financial aspect. I also have to be particular about whom we choose because of the style we play.

SCHWAB: What's holding up your recruiting plans?

McKENDRY: I'm waiting for the retained lists to be finalised in England and Scotland. I'll be making moves within a month. Then we'll work on recommendations from my contacts in England. I don't want another experience like the one we had with Joe McGorry and Liam Monagle who joined from Ireland last year.

SCHWAB: Looking to the future of Heidelberg, are you planning on replacements for the older players, like Jimmy Rooney and Arthur McMillan? And, in view of what you said earlier, are you looking at perhaps replacing Paton?

McKENDRY: Paton played well last year and although he's had a lapse, I feel he's turning the corner. As for Rooney and McMillan, I wish every player had that commitment. It's still hard to talk about replacing them, but we'll have to do it eventually. I've got to look to a new midfield player anyway. Ideally, we should have a squad of 14 or 15, but we've got only 12 at the moment. Added players would have to work hard to fight their way into the team and they'd have to compete against Rooney and McMillan as well as against the other players. They'll have to prove they are better than the ones we have. In the meantime we'll be teaching them what we want from them.

SCHWAB: In your team, Rooney is in the play much less than he was with his previous clubs — Marconi, for example. Why have you given him this new role?

McKENDRY: I felt in the past he did a lot of unnecessary running, so in the State team, I made him a channel player on the left. He dominated the left side for me, and that's the role I give him at Heidelberg. That's what I tried to persuade Gutendorf to do with him. I used Campbell in the middle of the midfield be-

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State team Cup finals'

cause of his ability to link with Cole and Paton. Campbell really is a forward. In fact he was a winger with Oxford United in England.

SCHWAB: You must regard Jeff Oliver and Charlie Yankos as two of your biggest successes, because they are young players who have developed into top-liners.

McKENDRY: They are everything Australian soccer is all about. Both represented Victoria at under 16 and under 19 levels, both served their apprenticeships in the reserves and were slowly blooded into the PSL after having learned their trade. It was delightful to have them in the State team against Hungary and it was disgraceful that they did not get the credit they deserved in that match. Oliver was faultless and Yankos also played well. I was proud of them. I must mention Jack Reilly for the amount of work he's put in on Oliver.

SCHWAB: Jimmy Rooney coached your second team last year. Is it a feeding ground for your PSL side?

McKENDRY: Well, Jimmy used the same principles of play, but it's a very physical league down there. What we should look at is producing perhaps one player a year. And of course that's part of the coach's job. You can't buy players forever.

SCHWAB: Which teams will be your strongest opponents in the run to the championship?

McKENDRY: It's a bit early to say. We needed a good start in the first six games and we managed to do that, but really, even JUST could win the title, it's so open. You can jump or fall four or five places with one result. Still, Sydney City will hit a very consistent streak and they'll be the biggest danger. They have very good players, with the experience of having won the title, which is very important. As for APLA and Olympic, we'll have to wait and see.

SCHWAB: Getting back to that Victoria v Hungary game, you reacted very angrily to Press criticism of that match. Why?

McKENDRY: I had taken pains to explain to the Press about how we should play. We played the same way against Red Star, which was also early in the year. There was minimal time for preparation, Hellas refused to release Laumets and Davidson and our physical condition wasn't what it should have been, because the players had been playing only 70-minute Ampol Cup games. We had to play a possession game, we had to play it slowly. I was criticised for having so many Heidelberg players in, but they always have been there.

SCHWAB: What about Don Macleod? He hadn't played all the previous season, and there was a feeling that Stuart Cannell of Ajax, who you called in against New Zealand when you were short of players late last year, should have been given another chance.

McKENDRY: OK, it was a toss-up between the two, and it came down to a matter of comparative form. On form, Macleod was better, he's physically stronger and at that stage of the season, he had done more hard training than Ajax had. Of course I always have wanted to use Steve Blair, but he was not available.

SCHWAB: You had Jack Reilly as the reserve goalkeeper ahead of Dennis Boland and JUST, even though Reilly has not played for ages.

McKENDRY: It was a simple matter of experience. What would have happened had we been forced to substitute the goalkeeper during the game? Who is more experienced than Reilly? He is in fact, the goalkeeper coach at Heidelberg. I think I saved Boland a lot of headaches. Had he come on in a tight situation it would have been very hard for him.

SCHWAB: Didn't you consider Boland at all as one of the two State keepers?

McKENDRY: No. Peter Laumets was the No.1 — very loyal, very under-rated — after having been reserve to Banovic. In two games for me he was faultless and he earned his place. Oliver had to be given a go because he is extremely talented and also young, and he did very well against Hungary. There has to be convention. How can players have faith in a system if it turns out there is no system?

SCHWAB: Many fans were clamoring for an all-star State team against Hungary. Why do you oppose all-star teams?

McKENDRY: Victoria had them for 100 years and almost never won a game. No-one, it appears, ever sat down and made a determined effort to have a successful State team. The 1972 German team formed the basis of the 1974 team that won the World Cup. Argentina has retained the nucleus of its 1978 team for this year's World Cup. I decided to have a set team and no-one can argue with the success we had, with the prestige we built up for this State, and with the amount of players we produced.

SCHWAB: As your Victorian players figured prominently in the national team last year, can you tell us how you see the national team situation at the moment?

McKENDRY: I'm still very bitter that Australia did not qualify for the World Cup. They should have walked in. The Victorian State team would have walked in! I've been critical of the New Zealand team in the past but I've got to praise the New Zealanders for the faith they showed in their players. They kept them together and had an effective team unit, which is what it's all about. Rale Rasic did the same in 1974 and he was successful as a result.

SCHWAB: Have you any criticism of Rudi Gutendorf?

McKENDRY: My criticism of him is never-ending.

SCHWAB: We'll get back to that. What about Jim Shouler when he was national coach?

McKENDRY: Inexperience is what let him down. You can take these jobs too young. Perhaps he took over a side that was on its way out, as well. I am a far more experienced campaigner now than I was three years ago, for an apprenticeship in international soccer is separate from an apprenticeship in club soccer. With the experience he has had now, Jim Shouler would be more successful if he had the national team job. You can't fault his soccer knowledge. He had a bit of bad luck too — like the missed penalty against Iran in Melbourne — but he did the best he could, which cannot be said about Gutendorf.

SCHWAB: It was open knowledge that you and Gutendorf did not get along. Why?

McKENDRY: He should not have feared me the way he did. Australia's best result was the 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia in Melbourne and nine of my State players were in his squad that time. Had he used my help more, we would have qualified for Spain. I'm sure.

SCHWAB: Were there any particular clashes?

McKENDRY: No, there were no cross words or anything like that but he feared me through certain players on whom he felt I had a big influence. Maybe he knew that they knew that he didn't know. I told him that part-time players couldn't match the pros in running power but that they were around that. If you played possession. But he just wanted to defend, so he went for man-to-man marking and abandoned midfield play altogether. He also played the classic Press game. If you use every player that the Press picks, you stay on the Press's side. If you don't, you alienate part of the Press. In the end he resorted just to wild clear-



Laurie Schwab

ances but against an organised side like New Zealand, you find the ball coming back at you straight away.

SCHWAB: Did you aspire to the national coach's job?

McKENDRY: No. I was happy with my contract with the VSF at the time. But maybe he was worried that he wasn't getting as much attention in the Victorian Press as I was.

SCHWAB: Were you upset that Gutendorf used Tony Boggi and a few others as his Victorian right-hand men, rather than using you?

McKENDRY: No, not at all.

SCHWAB: Are there other reasons that Gutendorf regarded you as an enemy?

McKENDRY: Look, I had hours of enjoyable conversation with the man about life in general. There was no reason. I felt though, Victoria had a top team and we easily could have blended in the Sharnes and Krncevic, but he had no intention of going along with me on that. Even Jimmy Campbell hardly could get a look-in at the time. Why? What's more, he took my players and actually tried to change their style even though they were being successful with a different style.

SCHWAB: How do you see the current situation with the national team?

McKENDRY: I tried to select for the State team only players who could go on to play for Australia, or at least players who were able to develop further. NSW also adopted that policy. Now apparently we're trying to develop a full national team from the youth side, using the best of the younger players from the former Socceros. I agree with Les Schelfling in that regard.

SCHWAB: But the Socceros have no games planned for this year.

McKENDRY: Well, it's hard this year because of the World Cup. Australia, though, should have played against Hungary, and there should be games after the World Cup.

SCHWAB: How will this lull in international experience affect us?

McKENDRY: It will leave us with only two years to prepare for the next World Cup. Time is valuable. You need all the time you can get. Had we had a couple of games so far this year, there would be a shape to the team right now — something you could work on.

SCHWAB: What about your future? Can you see yourself as national coach?

McKENDRY: They'll never look to a Victorian. They seem to think the world stops at Wollongong. I like Australia as a place to live. Heidelberg wants me to sign a contract until November 1983 and I see that as my duty to them. I have loyalty to the club and I feel excited about what is about to happen. But I don't know about after 1983. The politics in Australian soccer depress me at times. We have Banovic, Krncevic and Kay playing overseas which proves we have the talent. Olympic has so many home-grown players and they're being rewarded with big crowds. But we generally are self-destructive. The strong points are negated by that destructiveness. I wish we had the unity of the VFL. So, after 1983, I'll have to look at coaching overseas. I've gained a hell of a lot of experience and it's whetted my appetite. I look at what I've done with Victoria and Heidelberg and I'd like to do it all over again with someone else. Long-term however, Australia will be my home.

SCHWAB: Is there co-operation among coaches or do they tend to be jealous and afraid of each other?

McKENDRY: There are a lot of petty jealousies. We do tend to work in groups. As for fear, I don't understand the mention of it of one other, or pressure for that matter. How can you talk about fear in an area you like being involved in? To me coaching is a stimulating challenge, not something to be afraid of. The best performers come out on top in pressure situations.

SCHWAB: What do you think is the standard of Press reporting about soccer?

McKENDRY: Their job is to report the news, but too many invent the news. We are in a business that badly needs promoting. A great percentage of soccer reporting is opinion, much of it misinformed. I would prefer it to be more accurate and more involved with promoting the game. The Press should try to understand that everyone involved is trying to do his best and that mistakes are not intentional. There are different styles of play and it's important that the Press in particular appreciates the differences. Don't let's criticise the coaches for using a style they feel is best for their team. The English Press has changed from being diplomatic to being sensational and they reinforce the popular belief that soccer is a game of exciting highlights just like the TV replays. That's not so. It's about tough physical clashes, crunching tackles, hard running and various different styles of play. JUST's style is effective for those players. What's wrong with Preston going to Newcastle and playing differently to the way they play at home? Good luck to them! What's wrong with Blacktown playing offside? It's in the rules, isn't it? Sides come to Melbourne intent on stopping Heidelberg, which is fair enough. We accept the challenge and try to break down the defence. Soccer is like a game of chess. You work out your moves carefully, through specially acquired skills. The Press, I feel, is not aware of all this. At least, they don't acknowledge it in print. Let's applaud the differences rather than decry them, and let's build this game up in a positive way.

SCHWAB: You've said that Heidelberg appears to be the most closely analysed team in the PSL. Why is that?

McKENDRY: I'm interested to know why. We actually play against sides that start copying us half way through a game. I read so much about how one side or another will stop Cole and Paton, and we tend to play against defences of six or eight men. It's not all Cole and Paton, though. One day I'll tell you the real secret behind Heidelberg. That'll make a big story. Maybe we're analysed because our style is relatively new to the league.

SCHWAB: You mostly play against two markers on Cole and Paton, with a sweeper behind them.

McKENDRY: Yes, but Cole and Paton are coached with markers at their backs. That's no problem. They've come to terms with that.

SCHWAB: Unlike most other teams — with the exception of Olympic — you play the same way at home and away.

McKENDRY: Sure, what's the point in coaching players to do certain things when you ask them to do different things every second week when you play away? I don't see a need to change according to the opposition. Let the opposition do that if they want to. Liverpool, Holland and West Germany at their peak never changed their style. They went at opponents all the time. Here, however, even Sydney City changes when it plays against us. I don't see the need. They have so many good players.

Iron fist is needed

If the authorities don't start clenching an iron fist, it may become downright dangerous to be involved in Australian soccer.

In recent weeks we've seen referees and linesmen being besieged not only by angry fans but also by players and coaches, we've seen players fighting each other and even a club president fighting with a player.

Not only does all this give soccer a bad name and keep away spectators, but it also adds to the overall force in which soccer finds itself so much of the time. Witness, for example, the continuing idiocy of the PSL promotion and relegation system which I will go into more deeply later.

Firstly, I must say that I don't think sufficient security is provided for match officials, coaches and players at most grounds.

The situation is much worse in the State League where police protection is not as diligent as in the PSL and where many grounds do not have fences to keep out the fans. I can see serious problems developing.

During last week's NSW Ampol Cup double-header at Marconi Stadium, we had stones and abuse hurled at us. I asked a policeman for help and he told me that he was having similar problems.

Now look at what happened during the Canberra v Sydney City match where there was a heated clash between a coach and a match official.

And there was not only a clash between a president and a player after the Footscray v West Adelaide match, but also a heated demonstration against referee David Yelland.

Be they good or bad, match officials deserve the most diligent protection. It's not good enough that such protection is provided by security personnel appointed by the clubs. That job should be handled only by policemen.

Like it or not, sport all over the world is being besieged by the violent element. It's a sad situation, but it has to be controlled — be it by more police or even high metal fences which will once and for all keep the lunatic element away from the pitch.

The treatment given to the linesman during the Croatia v Blacktown Ampol Cup semi-final had to be seen to be believed. I admire him for having the courage to see out the match.

As for farcical elements in soccer — surely referees should take time out to study the rules of the various competitions before taking the field.

After our semi-final, some of our players went off to have a shower before the referee remembered about five minutes later that penalties should be taken.

The same thing happened at a Philips Cup match between Canberra and Sydney Olympic in Canberra, which led to the match having to be replayed.

But getting back to security — it also would be appropriate to increase disciplinary action by the league against trouble-makers.

And among them I count players and club officials who become unruly.

Foul language for example should be stamped out on the



Rale Rasic

field. Such language can be heard all over the ground, and it certainly offends the women who dare to attend matches.

Such language should be greeted by the yellow card every time.

The butchers among our players also should be punished much more heavily. Sure, body contact is part of the game, but the hit men who set out to injure their more skilful opponents should be dealt with much more severely. At the moment, skill is not being protected in our getting away with murder.

But if players are expected to control themselves, club officials must set the example and make sure we don't have a repetition of the serious incidents of late.

An example of our poor disciplinary system was the case of the Sydney City player who, in front of the TV cameras, punched a Wollongong player, then made gestures to the crowd and tangled with an official of his own club after being sent off.

That player was fined \$500. It is not appropriate, in my opinion, to inflict monetary fines. The player should have been suspended for a long time.

Strong guidelines must be set down immediately. These guidelines should cover not only discipline, but also should clarify the PSL promotion-relegation set-up.

What the PSL should do is draw up a list of all those clubs that never can be relegated and all those that never will be promoted, no matter how many championships they win.

At least it will be all out in the open then.

For example, the Adelaide and Brisbane teams, plus Canberra, Wollongong and Newcastle appear to be permanent fixtures in the PSL, no matter how they finish in the league. West Adelaide should have been relegated twice, but was retained both times.

And so, it appears only Melbourne and Sydney clubs can be relegated — but not South Melbourne, Hellas, which finished last one year but escaped the drop.

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Rasic gets reprieve, Bell Park out, boost for Manly

Blacktown coach Rasic successfully appealed against his team's defeat on penalties by Sydney Croatia in the NSW Ampol Cup last week and the federation ruled that the match be replayed tonight (Wednesday) at Marconi Stadium.

Rasic claimed that at the end of extra time, with both sides deadlocked, his players left the field and started to shower. He claimed that some four and a half minutes after the end of extra time was whistled, the Blacktown players were informed that they had to return to the pitch to take part in a penalty showdown against Croatia.

As we went to Press the matter was far from resolved. Croatia has appealed against the result of Rasic's appeal and the former Socceroo su-
premo may have the right of appeal against Croatia's appeal against the result of Rasic's appeal.

Not that the 1982 NSW Ampol Cup had held much appeal to the thousands of fans to whom games between reserve sides held no appeal.

I appeal to the NSW federation to put an early end to the conjecture about Croatia's appeal so that this Cup of no appeal finally can appeal to everyone — by coming to a most appealing end.

D'Ottavi hits out

Bob D'Ottavi's name was synonymous with Adelaide City, until last week when he resigned as coach and John Perin took over.

which finally broke D'Ottavi's broad back.
"Let's just say that when you have a committee with such great experience and knowledge of soccer, unfortunately the only thing you can do is to resign," said D'Ottavi, obviously tongue-in-cheek.

"I've been with the club since Rasic left a couple of years ago. It's no secret that 13 months ago we were \$500,000 in debt. In fact at one annual general meeting the members were told that we couldn't afford to run a PSL team the following year."

"I played a big part in putting the club into a stable financial position. In just 13 months we recovered from being in the red to being in the black. That's no small achievement."

"And last year we played the best brand of football in the country for a time. This year we continued to work solidly on the financial aspects of running the club. Which other club can boast that it signed a 20-year-old England youth international without having to pay a transfer fee?" he said, a reference to Adelaide City's recruit Neil Banfield who was England's sweeper in last year's World Youth Cup.

Banfield spent two days in Adelaide last year during the youth championships, talking with D'Ottavi about the possibility of joining Adelaide City — talks which obviously have proved fruitful.

Goalkeeper Willie McNally and defender Neville



John Perin — new coach of Adelaide City

Flounders also were signed this year. Like Banfield they joined without a transfer fee. Just when it seemed likely that D'Ottavi once more could be at the helm of a squad rich in quality and depth, big stopper David Jones was sold to South Melbourne Hellas for \$15,000 and Mitchell left later.

"The problem I had was that the people on the sports committee didn't really support me," said D'Ottavi.

"The committee suggested to Mitchell that he go to Sydney to find a club. You can't do things like that. I told the committee that Mitchell was the only really top class striker we had. How could he be replaced?"

"In view of this I had to resign. I'm happy in one respect that no one can say that I left Adelaide City in a worse state than when I came, although some of our supporters have very short memories."

D'Ottavi works for Adelaide City's main sponsor. The company will honor its commitment to the club but what's the betting that at the end of

this year, when the sponsorship comes up for renegotiation, the club finds itself searching for another major sponsor?

Manly for the PSL?

NSW State League club Manly Warringah had assembled its best first team for over 30 years.

That's what long-serving secretary and director George Dick told me and Aberdonians don't give praise lightly.

"We've relied a lot recently on local talent and it's starting to pay off," said Dick.

"We've been able to keep the side together from last year when we finished seventh in the league and John Dick has returned from Newquay Klev in Western Australia. We'll go well. I fully expect the team to get into the top four and then go into PSL."

Dick explained that this year in particular finishing in the top four is crucial.

"The top four teams will go into a new regional competition next year if it is structured along the lines of involving Wollongong, Newcastle, Canberra and Sydney teams. Our federation decided last year that if this new league is formed then the top four sides in State League in 1982 will enter the league."

Manly Warringah is building a fully licensed social club on land adjacent to its Cromer Park home. When completed in September this year the value of the social club will be about \$250,000.

Mick Jones is Manly's coach a position to which he was appointed mid-way through last season after previous coach Terry Stone resigned because he felt that he wasn't getting the full support of the committee.

Many first team players are local products. Their youth and exuberance is complemented by the skill and experience of Terry Smith who joined last year from Sydney City Hakoah in a swap deal involving Peter Vale, now in Hakoah's youth team.

For a team which finished fourth bottom in 1980, Manly Warringah certainly has come up in the soccer world in the past season and a half.

Morwell is relegated!

Victorian State League club Morwell Falcons has been dumped back into Metro First Division, Bell Park drops down into Second Division while top-of-the-table Third Division giant Thomastown is in Division Four!

That was the shock news given exclusively to "Soccer Action" late last week when we received the hottest piece of literature in Victorian soccer — the VSF year book.

We are unable to reveal the cloak and dagger nature of the manner in which we gained exclusive access to this year book and we believe that the tremors caused by its publication could shake the corridors and walls of Victorian soccer's headquarters in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda.

This shocking document reveals that Falcons still are a First Division outfit. Bell Park only won promotion to Second Division, not First Division, and Thomastown's jump out of the Provisional Leagues was not as high as first thought.

Slavia and Moreland have been relegated. They have played their past five league games in First Division but according to this soccer bible are really Second Division clubs.

As we went to press we expected a flood of protest from clubs playing opponents who shouldn't really be in the same

league. The situation could become chaotic.

The VSF was battling against time to publish another year book, which, hopefully, will put an end to the controversy.

Watch out for Rapid

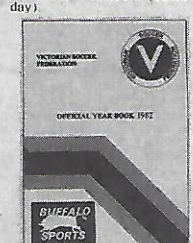
The Austrians are on the move in Tasmania.

Nothing to do with current world friction between England and Argentina, of course. Rather, I'm referring to Austrian-sponsored Rapid West point which should fight out Cadbury's State League South championship with Juventus Pioneer, Olympia and Croatia Glenorchy.

The Croatians got a flying start to the year by winning the Michael the Tailor Cup, a particularly pleasing result for the club sponsor who also is president of Croatia Glenorchy.

But Rapid will take a power of beating in the race for the 1982 title.

The club boasts the biggest sponsorship in the State, about \$10,000 this year from Federal Hotels, and one UK import arrived last week with another due tomorrow (Thursday).



The new VSF year book — shocking document

Steven Craven, a 22-year-old from Guisborough Town in England's Northern Premier League, arrived last Friday and former Newcastle United and Darlington defender David Crosson, 30, flies in tomorrow.

Craven must be one of the most versatile players to come to our shores. He's equally at home in midfield or in goals!

He started off in midfield at Guisborough Town, then an injury to the first team keeper found Craven thrown into the custodian's role. Incredibly he performed so well that once the regular keeper recovered he couldn't displace Craven. Crosson had his first team appearances with Newcastle United in five seasons. At the end of the 1974-75 English season he was given a free transfer to Darlington where he played in midfield until the end of 1978-80 when he was freed. In all, Crosson made 115 first team appearances for Darlington and 13 substitute appearances.

Craven isn't the only former Guisborough Town player at Rapid. Earlier this year John Charlton crossed on a free transfer from State League South rival Brighton and Rapid is trying to outbid Juventus Pioneer for the services of former Guisborough Town player Martin Harrison.

Harrison arrived in Perth last June, then decided to give the Apple Isle a try. He came to Tasmania last November, started work early in December but four days later severely damaged medial ligaments in a work accident.

Harrison has made a good recovery and finds himself the target of both Rapid and Juventus.

Next year will be Rapid's 25th anniversary.

WA off to Indonesia

The energy-sapping humidity of North Sumatra and the fervor of 30,000 screaming Indonesian fans doesn't scare recently appointed West Australian state coach Hugh Miller.

The affable Scot's been through it before. In 1976, when he played a part in the triumphant W.A. side which won its second successive MARA Malim tournament.

West Adelaide coach Alan Vest was State coach then and Miller was W.A.'s sweeper.

Miller's playing career in the west started in the early 60's and continued until the mid-70's. It involved stints with W.A. giants Azzurri,



AROUND AUSTRALIA with CRAIG MACKENZIE

a short spell with now defunct North Perth.

The Mara Halim tournament in June could make or break Miller as State coach.

"I think it's important for the lads to get a result in the Mara Halim, not just for my situation but for soccer in the west," he said.

"Sure, if we do well I'd expect my contract as State coach to be extended."

Miller was appointed ahead of former Socceroo Jimmy Pearson and last year's State coach Mike Leigh.

Pearson played in the 1965 World Cup qualifying series alongside current Socceroo boss Les Scheinfield. In all, Pearson made eight appearances for Australia, five in full internationals.

Miller's provisional state squad for the Mara Halim is:

Tony Witschge, Howard Franz, Steve Snell, Matt Pearson, Mark O'Keefe, David Miller, Kevin Elliott, Dennis Milenkovic (Dalmatian), Saverio Madashi, Savro Jozel, Ronnie Campbell, Tony Falcone, Paul Tomblides, Steve Tomblides, Frank Farone (Azzurri), Paul Drury, Steve Callaghan, Arthur Sharp, Duncan Hill (Olympic), Jim Davis, Paul Middleton, Andy Dixon (Macedonia), Lee Currie, Currie, Graham Thompson, Arthur Tricore, Norrie Sutton (Inglewood Klev).

Still in the west, the big name player who arrived recently to take up a two year contract with Athens is none other than Scottish goal machine Ted McDougall.

Born in Inverness, the former Liverpool, Manchester United, Southampton, West Ham, Norwich, York City and Bournemouth striker isn't exactly setting the west on fire as yet.

To be fair to McDougall he's playing with a mediocre outfit but he hasn't been the draw card which Athens led anticipated.

Meanwhile, George Cross and Melita Eagles fans would remember another top goal scorer in Nicky McCullum.

McCullum came to George Cross in the late 60's and played there for a few seasons before transferring to Melita Eagles in Sydney.

From Melita he moved to the west where he played with Tricolore, Kiev and Olympic before retiring about a year ago.

Like McDougall, McCullum comes from Inverness in Scotland and as that's my home shire in the old country I'm pleased to say that the big Scot's doing very well for himself.

He's married now and is the manager of Umro's W.A. branch.

Yugoslavs for Beograd

Serbian-sponsored Beograd, in the South Australian State League, is bringing two Yugoslav players here.

Radoslav Barisic, a 28-year-old stopper formerly on the books of First Division Rijka, due soon. Barisic has played with Tulsu Rognueknis in the North American Soccer League for the past two seasons.

He came to South Australia two months ago to visit his uncle and Beograd was quick to sign him.

Hot on Barisic's heels should be Dusan Ruzmarin, captain of a Second Division Slovenian club.

Beograd general manager Milan Lukovich rates Ruzmarin as one of the best midfielders to be seen in South Australia.

Ruzmarin should be here at the end of May and I'm sure he'll make a big impact on the local scene," said Lukovich.

"Our search for players won't end there. We will be looking for a defender, midfielder and another forward to complete our squad. Then we will have the best team in the State League and I'm confident that we can win the championship."

Beograd's player payments and signing-on fees are among the highest in State League.

The club is coached by former Adelaide City star Zor an Matic who was assistant to Rasic at City.

Matic played for Crvenka in his native Yugoslavia and Matic took Beograd to a third place last season and has signed two Cumberland players, midfielder Brian Welsh

Leane, to boost Beograd's league campaign.

General manager Lukovich sees his clubs which discussed the possibility of amalgamating in order to field a PSL team in 1977. Lukovich met with officials from Port Adelaide, Polonia and Lion to talk about the formation of a club to be called Adelaide United.

The four clubs couldn't agree on a plan which argued that almost \$200,000 would be needed to field a side in the PSL. He claims that the officials from the other three clubs were anticipating needing a mere \$75,000.

The proposed amalgamation failed.

Six years later Beograd may find itself in PSL company under its own steam.

Pagen shows his strength

George Pagen's his own man. His path toward a prestigious PSL coaching job won't be easy but you can't help feeling that he'll get there in the end.

He would have been there already. On countless occasions. But he consistently has refused offers from Brisbane City in recent years.

He's an ambitious man but he wants to do his way, which means nurturing a developing club, pushing, prodding, encouraging, until the club can stand on its own feet and almost demand of our administrators a place in the PSL.

That's the path Pagen hopes to tread with Queensland State League newcomer Nambour.

Pagen came here 17 years ago after playing as a full back with Scottish club Hearts.

He became Queensland state coach in 1974, a position he held for three years.

He also was coach of Brisbane Lions in those pre-PSL days and won three successive league championships for the club.

I came as a shock to Pagen when Lions felt that he didn't have the quality to coach in the PSL.

That judgement prompted him to join Grange Thistle in the State League.

The brains trust at Lions must have been red-faced as Thistle captured every major honor in Queensland over a five year period under Pagen's guidance.

Thistle was knocking on the PSL door just over a year ago but its financial bubble burst in a big way last year. So much so that Thistle was forced to join an exodus of clubs from State League faced with mounting travel and accommodation costs.

"I was after money at the time, as were some players. The club simply seemed to have lost its drive to go PSL," said Pagen.

I left Grange Thistle last December and the prospect of joining a new State League Club like Nambour was very inviting. In fact, in monetary terms, my three-year contract with Nambour is as good as most coaching contracts in the PSL.

Not that money matters that much. Pagen's a successful insurance broker and real estate consultant.

Nambour has taken a big leap, out of the Sunshine Coast Soccer Association into State League.

The club's still disappointed that the SCSA didn't pool its resources to enter a composite club in State League but determined that the chance to step up to higher competition shouldn't be lost. Nambour Reds decided to go it alone.

Well, not exactly alone. You see there are the three million-aid supporting the club and Nambour's Yandina Sports Complex is valued at about \$250,000. It consists of plush clubrooms and four pitches.

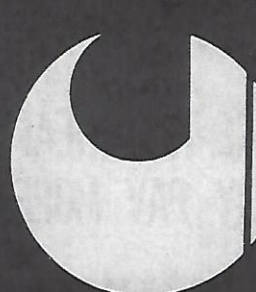
The club will employ a professional fund raiser and local radio station 4NA is promoting all of Nambour's home games and social functions.

It probably will cost close to \$100,000 to run the club this year and Pagen is optimistic about Nambour's future.

"I predict that this year's State League champion will be 28 points out of a possible 36. Our target is 24 points."

"The Sunshine Coast is the biggest growth area for soccer in Australia and if we do well I'm confident that within three years we will be a front-run-

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RISTOVSKI RETURNS

Mendo Ristovski, the former Soccer forward, has returned to Footscray JUST from State League club Juventus.

By
Laurie Schwab

The deal was finalised on Saturday and Ristovski is expected to play against Brisbane City at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

Ristovski, who came up through the J.U.S.T. Juniors, showed brilliant form early in his career, playing alongside Branko Buljevic.

He joined Juventus for \$10,000 two seasons ago, after playing for a short time for South Melbourne Hellas.

Meanwhile, J.U.S.T. still is awaiting the arrival of striker Vlado Pijpjevich, a former Red Star Belgrade player.

Slobodan Jovanovic and Zdravko Lujic still are suspended and unavailable for the match against Brisbane City.

But Dennis Boland may return after missing the victory over APIA due to injury, and Suleiman Curovic and Bruno Cozzella also are fighting hard to overcome injuries.

Brisbane City suffered another heavy defeat at the weekend but it would be a mistake for J.U.S.T. to expect an easy time on Sunday.

Willie Conner, Barry Kelsio and Joe Palukas are more than capable of tearing any defence apart, so J.U.S.T.'s best policy would be to regard this game as yet another encounter with the league leader.

If the defence remains as tight as it was last week, and if Milan Kojic holds his brilliant form, J.U.S.T. should climb a little further away from the relegation zone.

The sport of karate is having an unexpected impact on the performances of glamour club Sydney Olympic.

Both John Katholos and Gary Phillips are quite hands at karate, and in fact John's brother has gone as far as a black belt," said Olympians coach Doug Collins.

"I can't help noticing how disciplined the pair are — perhaps it is due to the control that karate teaches them."

Young Phillips is proving the fine of the Phillips soccer League season after coming down from the NSW north coast resort town of Coffs Harbour only two months ago.

It is yet to be proved whether he packs a dangerous shot, but his ability to outpace opponents over short distances and set up goals is unquestionable.

"Originally I wasn't sure that I had gone to the right club, but now my misgivings have disappeared," Phillips confessed.

"Doug Collins is prepared to give youngsters a go, and I certainly have received my chance to show what I can do."

Olympic should hold top place on the ladder by beating Brisbane Lions but it won't be easy, for Brisbane clubs have a decided home ground advantage and Billy Williamson and Ron Millman are among the most dangerous forwards in the league.

Alan Davidson should return to the South Melbourne Hellas team after injury against St. George Budapest in Sydney on Sunday, and Hellas desperately needs a victory to restore the players' confidence.

They haven't won for four weeks.

Saints have had much better luck — luck they have earned through hard work. Witness the tremendous fight-back last week against Wollongong, after being two down.

Good to see young Robbie Blair doing so well in the Saints' attack. Coach Frank Arok certainly has an eye for talent.

Frankston midfielder Carl Holford trained with Hellas this week (?).

Jovan Djordjevic returned to the Marconi team after injury in its 1-4 victory in Brisbane last week, and he should get better and better, so too should Dubravko Ledic, the former Velez Mostar captain.

In other words, Makedonia will have to show much more than it did in its 2-1 victory over Adelaide City.

George Todorovski is likely to be out again, and Alan Whittle also is in doubt. That means coach Peter Ollerton may use himself from the

start, and Makedonia will be looking to him to score match-winning goals once again if Doug Brown is marked closely.

That marking job probably will go to the tenacious David Skeen.

Despite the return of Joe Senkalski, Newcastle remains in the horrors with little hope of beating West Adelaide whose coach Alan Vest knows the Newcastle players inside out as he coached them for four seasons.

With Manecas back, West Adelaide has the strength in attack to return to Adelaide with both points.

APIA, like South Melbourne Hellas, hasn't won for four weeks, and it's difficult to see the former league leaders reversing that trend against Canberra at Bruce Stadium.

With Ian Purdie and Terry Byrne back, and George Christopoulos adding strength to the midfield, Canberra is improving its team work from week to week and of course, has dynamic forwards in Tony Brennan and Ian Gibson.

Adelaide City showed marked improvement against Makedonia, and John Perin is working hard at improving the confidence of his players, but it's very difficult to reverse a losing streak, especially against another desperate side.

Wollongong must fall into that category, even though it has had a fit's run lately, as there aren't many points between the teams in the bottom half of the ladder.

Wollongong should win, as mighty defenders Chris Dunleavy and Arno Bertogna have the strength and application to blot out the Adelaide City attack.

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Marconi v PRESTON MADEDONIA at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN NEWCASTLE Newcastle KB v WEST

ADELAIDE at International Sports Centre, Saturday, 3 pm.

IN CANBERRA CANBERRA v APIA Leichhardt at Bruce Stadium, Monday, 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE Brisbane Lions v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at

Richlands Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE Adelaide City v WOLLONGONG at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

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3	(4) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	3	1	1	8	3	3	0	2	8	6	19:9	13
4	(3) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	4	0	1	8	3	1	3	1	7	9	15:12	13
5	(7) Preston-Makedonia	3	2	1	11	4	1	2	2	5	8	16:12	12
6	(8) Heidelberg-Alexander	3	1	1	8	5	2	1	2	5	4	13:9	12
7	(5) South Melbourne Hellas	3	2	1	10	4	1	2	2	8	9	18:13	10
8	(6) Brisbane Lions	2	1	2	12	8	1	3	1	6	6	16:14	10
9	(9) West Adelaide Hellas	2	2	1	9	4	0	4	1	6	8	15:12	10
10	(10) Marconi-Datsun	3	1	1	10	5	1	1	3	2	7	12:12	10
11	(11) Wollongong	2	1	2	8	10	2	0	3	5	10	13:20	9
12	(12) Canberra City	2	1	2	8	7	0	3	2	6	11	14:18	8
13	(16) Footscray JUST	0	4	1	6	7	1	1	3	4	10	10:17	7
14	(13) Brisbane City	2	3	0	9	6	0	0	5	1	19	10:25	7
15	(14)	1	2	2	7	7	0	1	4	4	9	11:16	5
16	(15) Newcastle KB United	1	2	2	6	8	0	1	4	3	13	9:21	5

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Total appearances in brackets

LOWNDES (1)
(Bris. Lions)

RUSSELL (1)
(Adel. City)

PATIKAS (1)
(Syd. City)

KONDARIOS (1)
(J.U.S.T.)

P. STONE (3)
(St George)

H. TREDINNICK (1)
(Newcastle)

HENDERSON (2)
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WOLLONGONG 2 (Bertogna, Gaffney) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Stone, Slater) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Votes by Knut Werner:

6. Stone (St. G), 5. Adam (Woll), 4. Slater (St. G), 3. Tredinnick (Woll), 2. Redcliffe (St. G), 1. Vardereff (Woll).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Ollerton 2 incl pen) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (J. Nyakohus pen) at Connor Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Russell (AC), 5. Northcote (AC), 4. Petrovski (Mak), 3. McMillan (Mak), 2. Doda (AC), 1. B. Nyakohus (AC).

BRISBANE LIONS 0 MARCONI-DATSUN 1 (Licata) at Richlands. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Henderson (Marc), 5. Bennett (BL), 4. Calderon (Marc), 3. Niven (BL), 2. Lowndes (BL), 1. Bozanic (Marc).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (St-mic, Kojic) at Lambert Park. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Ilioski (JUST), 5. Kojic (JUST), 4. Kondarios (JUST), 3. Bradley (APIA), 2. O'Reilly (JUST), 1. Hazabent (JUST).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (J. Campbell) at Middle Park. Votes by Peter Deskar:

6. J. Campbell (H'berg), 5. Xanthopoulos (Hellas), 4. Nicolaidis (Hellas), 3. Yanikos (H'berg), 2. Rooney (H'berg), d1. Solemidis (H'berg).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 4 (Patikas 2, Murray, Fletcher) NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Ted Simmons:

6. Patikas (SC), 5. H. Tredinnick (IN), 4. Watson (SC), 3. Kosmine (SC), 2. Murray (SC), 1. Gammell (IN).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 5 (Kousasas 3, Katholos, Rowden) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Preston Park. Votes by Roger Dawick:

6. Redfern (SO), 5. Katholos (SO), 4. Kousasas (SO), 3. Phillips (SO), 2. Resakopoulos (SO), 1. Conner (SC).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Manecas, Brown) CANBERRA CITY 2 (Purdie, T. Byrne) at Hindmarsh. Votes by Memo Touralidis:

6. Heys (WA), 5. McGachey (WA), 4. T. Byrne (Can), 3. Christopoulos (Can), 2. Milovanovic (*Can), 1. M. Brennan (WA).

Leaders:
42 Katholos (SO)
35 McGachey (WA)
34 P. Stone (St. G)
28 Redfern (SO)
27 Northcote (AC)
26 Dunn (WA), Bradley (APIA)

24 Soper (APIA)
23 O'Reilly (JUST), Boyle (Mak), Marton (St. G)
22 Yeandouros (H'berg), Resakopoulos (SO), T. Byrne (Can)
20 J. Campbell (H'berg), Brown (Mak), Bennett (BL)

19 Egan (SM), Conner (BVC), Vardereff (Woll)
18 Ilioski (JUST), Petrovski (Mak)
17 Bertogna (Woll)
16 Honeyman (WA), Calderon (Marc), Kosmine (SC)

15 Heys (WA), G. Campbell (SM), Lowe (Newc), R. Wilson (Mak), Barton (St.G), Williamson (BL), Robertson (SC), Adam (Woll).

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Let's have import tariff scheme

From page one

This year they had Jim Ziras, Peter Raskopoulos, Peter Katholosos and Mark Koussas — four with whom the Greek supporters can identify. (A fifth, Danny Moulis, is out injured).

The present Olympic management, led by the very able John Constantine, at long last showed sufficient intelligence in building a team its fans want to follow.

But remove these four talented boys with a Greek background... and see the crowds plummet. (For heavens sake, don't really do it...)

Another aspect of this vexed problem is: can Australian soccer be built entirely on Australian-born players? Are we getting enough talent through the ranks to improve our standards?

We all know about the exciting crop of young talent which has surged to the surface in the past couple of seasons: the Hunters, Katholosos, Blairs and others.

But is there enough of them for 18 PSL teams and could they survive without occasionally being propped up by these controversial imports?

Whatever the ASF does decide, it must be careful not to allow the PSL standards to drop.

If soccer is part of the entertainment business, we must ensure that the teams do entertain.

And if a Marton, Bradley, Vieri, Referra, Paton, Williamson and others can improve

the entertainment quotient of the game, it would be a risky proposition to ban them.

My unsolicited advice to the ASF is: don't act emotionally but examine the whole of the problem from all angles and consult those club officials and coaches who really are in the know.

The ASF must protect home-grown talent; it must also aim, in the long-run, at the "Australianisation" of the game. But it must also protect soccer interests in the short term. An intelligent compromise based on knowledge is needed.

And while on the subject, let me dust off one of my pet suggestions.

Why not introduce a tariff protection and import duty on temporary-visa players, whether the quota be three, four or five?

If a club really feels that a top overseas player would be an asset, let it be the judge, not an inflexible ASF rule.

At the same time, let that club contribute towards our junior coaching programs and development by paying an import fee into a special kitty; say \$500 for the first, \$1000 for the second and \$1500 for the third imported player.

The onus would be on the clubs to make sure that what they do import is quality and would end the invasion of the "dime a dozen" rubbish.

Sir Arthur George is known to be a master of compromise; let's hope he can persuade his



St George's Des Marton — one of the PSL's star imports

executive members come more to act sensibly, constructively and without the apparent paranoia which has been clouding this issue for so many years.

Campbell wins it, Xanthopoulos hurt

SM-Hellas 0 Heidelberg 1

Ground: Middle Park. Crowd: 5,000 estimate.

Referee: Mellings 6.

Cautions: Evans, MacLeod.

Hellas: Laumets 7, Nicolaidis 8, Blair 7, Xanthopoulos 8, Lutton 7, Stevenson 6, Shirra 6, Campbell 6, Egan 7, Evans 6, Buljevic 6.

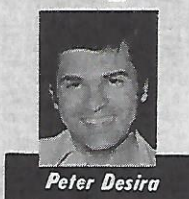
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, McMillan 7, Vandenborn 6, MacLeod 6, Yankos 8, Rooney 7, Salamidis 7, Taylor 7, Campbell 6, Cole 6, Backas 6 (Paton 62nd).

A goal out of the blue by Jim Campbell sparked this match into an exciting finish and made the players forget the unnecessary needle that crept in following an injury to Arthur Xanthopoulos early in the proceedings.

Campbell, moved to the front running position that had brought him five goals prior to this match, received a harmless-looking pass from Jimmy Rooney then turned under pressure to catch Peter Laumets unaware with a shot from the edge of the area for the goal that settled the 11th league derby between the two Melbourne Greek clubs.

The match produced a good number of goalmouth incidents but probably seemed all too predictable for the regular followers of both clubs.

Both sides have been together for nearly three years and even allowing for the mild surprise of Jamie Paton being relegated to the subs' bench, it was hardly the setting for something vibrant or unexpected.



Peter Desira

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry almost agreed on the predictability angle in the lead-up to the match, saying he probably had reached the limit as far as coaching goes with the current crop of players.

He is frustrated that there has not been a new buy at the club for over three years although he realises the club's perilous financial situation.

McKendry can claim to have developed players like Jeff Oliver, John Vandenborn, Paton, Charlie Yankos, Theo Salamidis and even Don MacLeod but he says that it's impossible to produce a squad of "15 home-grown" players and that some must be bought.

The fact that the two teams know each other so well probably contributed to the early head-hunting.

The game had produced only two shots at goal before Xanthopoulos had to leave the field to have three stitches inserted to the back of his head after an aerial clash with MacLeod.

But the sweeper returned within seven minutes to play a leading role for Hellas and even had two headers which

went narrowly wide in his up-field sorties.

MacLeod, Heidelberg's iron man at the back had a day-long tussle with Alan Evans and both ended the day in referee Stuart Mellings' book for separate offences.

Mellings took a surprisingly lenient attitude to a number of fouls and took a long time to stamp his authority on the players.

Heidelberg had the better chances in the first half.

A Campbell and Rooney move ended with the latter's shot turned away for a corner. Cole set up Campbell for a shot which was well saved and Cole himself shot wide from another move.

Hellas's responses were a long range effort from Jim Shirra, a George Campbell shot over the bar and a John Stevenson volley which went wide.

Young fullback Socrates Nicolaidis, living on borrowed time until Alan Davidson's return, had a field day, completely blotting out Andy Borzikas and also offering himself for a number of over-lapping runs.

Borzikas' only worthwhile contribution was an exchange with Cole which ended with him shooting wide in the 48th minute.

Hellas stepped up the pace after conceding the goal but most of its attacks were easily repelled and it was Heidelberg which had the best chance when Rooney sent Cole galloping away in the 78th minute only for Laumets to come out to save bravely at the striker's feet.



Jimmy Rooney

Slater saves the Saints



Knut Werner

Wollongong 2 St. George 2

Scorers: Wall: Bertagna, Gaffney; St. Geo: Stone, Slater.

Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds.

Crowd: About 8000.

Referee: Tony Boskovic 9.

Cautions: Bertagna, Fortana, Viestra, Cotton (W), J. O'Shea (St G).

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 6 — Ainsworth 7, Dunleavy 7, Viestra 7, Bartagna 7, Gaffney 7, Adam 8, P. Treddinick 8 — O'Connor 7, Cotton 7, Fontana 8.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST: Fraser 7 — Sloan 8, Ruffie 8, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7 — Barton 7, Stone 9, J. O'Shea 7 — Slater 8, Wilkinson 7 (Duarte 85th), Marton 7.

St George staged a remarkable recovery to wipe out a two goal deficit and earn a well deserved draw against Wollongong at the Wollongong Showgrounds.

The home team looked set to increase its recent winning streak to five in a row when it built a healthy two goal lead by half time.

The Wolves played inspiring soccer in the first period but after the break their composure fell abruptly.

The Saints, who had looked well and truly beaten, pushed more men into the attack and saved the game with goals by Peter Stone and Robert Slater.

For the Wolves coach Ken Marton the second half reverse was the result of "lack of discipline by the players" and blasted some of his men "for not trying hard enough".

Morton, however, gave credit to the Saints who never lost their heads when two goals down.

The match was marred by some rough tackling.

The first half was all Wolves as Roy Cotton, Peter Treddinick and Glen Fortana cut the right side of the Saints' defence to pieces.

In the 13th minute the Wolves drew first blood when a Lee Adam throw-in was headed goalwards by Cotton for goalkeeper Mike Fraser to fumble the ball. Defender Arno Bertagna was at hand to shoot home.

Two minutes later the Wolves scored again when Cotton twice beat David Skeen, pushed the ball wide for Treddinick whose far post cross was magnificently headed into the net by Larry Gaffney.

The Saints replied with a shot by Des Marton that was saved by Nick Vardareff, but the Wolves were creating the best chances.

In the second period the Saints woke up to their responsibilities and winger Slater began to create panic in the Wolves' defence with his dribbling.

In the 14th minute Peter Stone pulled one back for the Saints and a few minutes later Marton rocked the cross-bar with goalkeeper Vardareff beaten.

On the half hour the Saints' pressure was rewarded when Slater slammed in the equaliser after a low cross from the left by Mark Barton.



Hellas left back Bertie Lutton (right) challenges for a header at Middle Park on Sunday. At right Hellas captain Alan Evans is under pressure from his constant "shadow" Don MacLeod. Branko Buljevic (No.11) is in the foreground. Picture by LES SHOR-ROCK.

FLETCHER SPARKS THE SLICKERS

Sydney C. 4 Newcastle 0

By TED SIMMONS

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Mullen 7, Spanos 7, O'Connor 7, Robertson 7, Murray 8 (Fletcher 78th), Watson 6, Petkias 9, Borges 7, Kosmin 8, Carr 7.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7, Curran 7, H. Treddinick 8, Mason 6, Sneddon 7, Smyth 7, Dooley 6, McClelland 6 (Stamp 64th), Gemmell 7, D Jones 6, Lowe 7.

Scorers: Petkias 25m, 72m, Murray 56m, Fletcher 78 m.

Referee: T. Davies 9.

Crowd: 1,463 at Sydney Athletic Field.

The 4-0 scoreline to Sydney City was just the tonic the Slickers needed, but coach Eddie Thomson must still be worried.

He had five key players out of action, and the replacements never measured up to the 1981 championship side. In fact, it wasn't until substitute Graham Fletcher came on in the 75th minute that the team sparked into life.

Not that the Slickers had much opposition from Newcastle, which tested City

keeper Todd Clarke only twice in the entire 90 minutes.

Jimmy Patikas and Willie Murray gave an early indication of the pressure to come when they sped through the Newcastle defence in the opening minutes, with Joe Watson lurking as usual on the line.

Patikas was in the goal area in the 25th minute to receive a high ball from John Spanos which he nodded past Newcastle keeper Phil Dando.

That goal carried the Slickers through to half time, with Steve O'Connor and Kevin Mullen mopping up any forward fevers by the Newcastle attack.

The quietness of the second half was broken after 11 minutes when Murray exploded into action, ran 30 yards to round Trevor Smyth, draw Dando and sidefoot the ball into the empty net.

Newcastle was telegraphing its moves, and the Slickers' midfield had little trouble cutting out the passes.

Spanos had a good chance in the 27th minute, but it

charged the ball down but hesitated and looked for an off-side flag when he should have scored, and the ball was put out by Howard Treddinick.

Five minutes later Patikas collected his double after good lead-up work by Watson. The tricky winger sent Mullen down the line and the defender pulled the ball back into the path of the running Patikas.

Graham Fletcher replaced Murray and Sydney City suddenly started playing like defending champions.

Fletcher, who travels twice a week from Wollongong to train with the team, picked up a pass from Spanos, shot down the left, cut in and slammed the ball past Dando to score his first goal in his first game in the PSL.

He hit the bar nine minutes later and was in all the action for the 15 minutes he was on the field.

The defeat slumped Newcastle to equal last with Adelaide City and their standard of play in this match merited that position.

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Olympic rips Brisbane City apart

Syd. Olympic 5
Brisbane C. 0

At Pratten Park. Crowd: 6740.
Scorers: Koussas (5th, 69th & 88th mins) Katholos (12th min) Rowden (28th min).
Referee: P. Rampley 8.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 6, A. Scott 5, M. Rogers 6, J. Ziras 5, I. Rowden 6, G. Phillips 7, J. Redfern 6, P. Raskopoulos 7, M. Koussas 6, P. Katholos 6, G. Jennings 6.
BRISBANE CITY: K. Wishart 6, J. Dunne 5, J. McVeigh 4, D. Vincenzino 6, F. Liddell 4, B. Bohan 4, F. Pimblett 6, B. Hamilton 4, W. Connors 7, J. Palinkas 4, P. Carey 4.

By ROGER DEWICK

Substitutions: K. Wilson for Phillips (74th min), J. Carey for Palinkas (69th min).
Olympic's final tally of five goals is not a true reflection of their superiority and, on a conversion rate, is less than 25% of their chances.
Nevertheless it was a scintillating exhibition of open, attacking soccer, particularly in the first 30 minutes when they literally tore the Brisbane City defence to shreds.
In the 5th minute Olympic went one up but the goal had a touch of luck about it. From the left wing a Raskopoulos cross was deflected by a City defender to Redfern who nudged it onto the body of Wishart who could

only parry the ball away to Koussas who buried it from point-blank range.

Redfern was having a field day with his immaculate skills and distribution and ability to lose his marker and roam at will. Close behind him were Katholos and Koussas, both of whom distributed the ball with great accuracy.
City's defence was in total disarray and it was no surprise when Olympic increased its lead in the 12th minute.

A free kick was pushed to Katholos and he lashed the ball with awesome power into the top corner of the net. Koussas, Katholos, Redfern and Jennings all missed good chances for the rampaging Olympians before a diving header by Rowden converted a corner in the 28th minute to give them an impregnable lead.

After the interval Olympic took some time to regain their rhythm and for a short period City almost looked like a team capable of putting up a fight. At least Conner was prepared to put in a little effort but his work was to no avail as his inept colleagues fumbled and stumbled around in an apparent state of shellshock.
Koussas scored his second in the 64th minute after a rapid interchange of passes with Redfern who then had a goal disallowed in the 81st minute.

Three minutes later Koussas completed his hat trick as he ran over an immaculate Ken Wilson pass and drew Wishart out before slipping the ball home.
Olympic played most of the game at 100 kph which is perhaps the reason why they missed so many chances. If they temper their enthusiasm with a little more use of their grey matter the goals will come in torrents.

Three penalties, and Ollerton gets winner

Makedonia 2
Adelaide C 1

Scorers: Mak: Ollerton pen. 42nd & 85th; C: J. Nyskohus 35th.
Venue: Cornor Reserve. Crowd: 2500.
Referee: Chris Bambridge 7.
Cautions: Northcote, Flounders, Melia (AC), Cullen (Mak).

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7, Petrovski 8, Fox 7, Todorovski (inj), sub Ollerton 7, 26th, Beech 7 — Flaville 6, McMillan 8, Boyle 6 — Cullen 6, Ward 6, Brown 6.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENILES: McNally 7 — Russell 9, Banfield 7, Flounders 7, B. Nyskohus 9 — Melia 6, Mirocchi 8, Dods 8 — Villani 6, Northcote 8, J. Nyskohus 7.

Bobby Russell lived up to his reputation as 1981 Australian Player of the Year, but Adelaide City finally succumbed to the experience of Peter Ollerton, sub Ollerton after putting in a greater amount of fight than Makedonia.

Perhaps Makedonia would have done it more easily had Doug Brown not placed his early penalty — the first of three awarded in the game — too close to goalkeeper Willie McNally who saved it.

But then Adelaide City also had two glaring misses — both by Charlie Villani.

John Perin, in charge as coach for the first time since replacing Bob D'Ottavi mid-week, was generally happy with Adelaide City's performance. Indeed, the back four was solid, and Brian Northcote and Glen Dods fought tigerishly to drive their team forward.

Makedonia had an early setback when George Todorovski, back after injury and playing at centre back, aggravated that old injury and had to leave the ground after 25 minutes.

His presence meant that the previous stopper, George McMillan, started the match in midfield. He made quite an impact there, pushing up as an extra forward and playing some great first-time through balls.

But when Todorovski came off, McMillan had to return to the defence.

Player-coach Peter Ollerton, Todorovski's replacement, lived up to his nickname "Super sub" by scoring the winning goal only five minutes from the end.

Adelaide City had the first of the scoring chances.

Charlie Villani, robbed Graham Fox of the ball but pushed it wide of the post with only goalkeeper Richard Wilson to beat.

The first of the three penalties was awarded to Makedonia by referee Chris Bambridge in the 22nd minute.

He pointed to the spot after Bobby Russell had brought down Gary Ward who was heading into the penalty area.

Doug Brown took the shot but placed it too close to goalkeeper Willie McNally who got down to save it.

Referee Bambridge pointed to the penalty spot again as Steve Beech fouled Adelaide City's forward John Nyskohus in the 35th minute.

Nyskohus took the shot himself and, unlike Brown, made no mistake to put his side into the lead.

The third penalty followed only seven minutes later and it was the most contentious of them all.

Laurie Schwab

The linesman claimed the ball had been handled by Bobby Russell but Adelaide City's coach John Perin said that the offence was committed by Russell but by Doug Brown.

Villani, who had missed a good scoring chance early in the game, missed again in the 70th minute when he found himself unmarked inside the penalty area.

With time running out it was Ollerton's experience that proved decisive for Makedonia.

Full back Ljube Petrovski sent a long ball into the penalty area, Ollerton stepped clear into space and angled an expertly taken header past McNally just inside the far post to give his team its victory.

Jan Purdie who had come on for Brennan, hit it, the ball took a deflection and slid into the bottom right corner just wide of Crook's outstretched hands.

The goal rattled West Adelaide and Canberra, with Christopoulos emerging from a 20 minute hibernation, again looked dangerous.

But it was West which struck again in the 74th minute when Heys squared the ball to Tim Brown who calmly slammed it into an open goal.

Canberra believed Heys was offside but the goal stood.

Canberra did not have to wait long to claim justice.

Terry Byrne got above the defence and with the help of another deflection, Crook was beaten again.

West was forced to make two changes from the team which drew 2-2 with Footscray.

Canberra equalised in the 59th minute after Honeyman had given away a free kick.

He elbowed Christopoulos just outside the area.

Canberra, aided by two fortunate goals, stole a point from West Adelaide in an exciting 2-2 draw at Hindmarsh Stadium.

West led twice, but Canberra came back.

Both goals were aided by deflections and considering that Canberra's second goal against Sydney City on the previous Monday was an own goal, the Arrows have certainly had luck on their side.

However, West also did well in the "luck" stakes.

Its second goal appeared to be offside.

Canberra, which has looked a more aggressive side since the acquisition of George Christopoulos, showed it meant business from the kick-off.

Christopoulos charged his way through the defence and tested Martyn Crook with a modest shot.

The big, bearded midfielder combined well with Tony Brennan and Gary Byrne and had West on the run.

But the sting eventually went out of Canberra's game and it was West's turn to take over.

Graham Heys mesmerised defender John Moutopoulos on one flank and Manecas

APIA 0
Foots J 2

Scorers: Simic, Kojic
Yellow cards: McAusland, Vasic
Referee: Ken Small 6
Crowd: 4128
LEIGHARDT A.P.I.A.: Woodhouse 6, Skellern 5, McAusland 6, Pullen 7, Gray 7, Bradley 8, McBrown 6, Butler 6, Burrows 6, Saper 5, Giam-paolo 5.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Cincic 8, Kyriakoulas 7, Hazabent 8, O'Reilly 8, Kondarios 9, Milner 7, Bolic 7, Ilioski 10, Kojic 9, Vasic 6, Simic 7.

Footscray JUST surprised the League leaders at Lambert Park by playing tough at the back, controlling the midfield and dangerous in attack to demolish APIA in front of some 4,000 vocal fans.

Led by their 23-year-old captain, Zoran Ilioski, Footscray never looked in danger of losing, allowing the home side to create only one opening during the entire game.

Without Lujic, Boland, Jovanovic, Cozzella and Curovic, JUST seemed doomed to lose against the league pacema-

Alex Vesic

kers, but as the game wore on it was blatantly obvious that Peter Jaksa had designed a superb formula to stop the home side. It would be unfair to say that Ilioski played the game of his life, but it would be correct to say that he was easily the best player on the park.

It was this non-stop effort by Ilioski which certainly lifted the side to its first win. He covered every blade of grass and managed to beat Woodhouse on no less than three occasions only to see the ball sail just over or past the post.

He was ably supported by Milan Kojic, whose skills had Pullen and Gray in all sorts of troubles. Kondarios, this tall, quietly spoken player who seems to turn out week after week with the same, deter-

mined attitude to win shut out Marshall Soper, while Jimmy O'Reilly, with his "You are going the wrong way mate" attitude, gave Paul Burrows a lot of headaches.

One could go on all day about the effort and skills displayed by the "dark blues", but I feel that Leighardt's coach Willie Wallace summed it up best after the game: "They had the will to win and we didn't, and that's all there is to it," said Wallace.

It was a tough encounter, with Leighardt surging forward from the opening bell. But they were soon met with an almost impenetrable wall which was to deny them access all day. Only once did they manage to break it, and that was midway during the first half, following a cross by John Bradley. An unmarked Pullen raced in but his accurate header from some six to seven metres went past the post.

Footscray managed to break through after a half hour in the first half, with Milan Kojic having a shot from an acute angle and Woodhouse failing to hold the ball. The rebound was quickly pushed into the path of oncoming Ilioski who wasted no time in unlea-

shing a powerful drive which beat Woodhouse but grazed the top of the crossbar.

A couple of minutes later Footscray should have scored. Jim Kondarios bombed Leighardt's defence for Paul Simic to race in and face Woodhouse, but alas with no pressure on him at all, the youngster hit a screamer past the post!

Kojic came close with his effort in the first serious attack in the second half, before JUST scored. It was Kojic who started pushing forward in the 72nd minute, but was brought down by an over-enthusiastic Ian Gray. The free kick from some 45 metres and almost on the sideline was floated in for Paul Simic to have two goes at controlling the ball before unleashing an accurate drive from some 18 metres to find the corner of Woodhouse's goal.

With Leighardt surging forward in greater numbers, Footscray struck again. Igor Hazabent intercepted a pass by a Leighardt forward, then quickly found Ilioski who ran some 10 metres before pushing the ball wide to Simic on the left flank and just outside the box. Simic turned Skellern before driving the ball across the area Woodhouse dived but

missed and Kojic came in at the far post to nudge it in to make it 2-0.

It was all Footscray in the closing stages.

For those faithful JUST supporters in Sydney it was a case of "long time between drinks", but a handful of them showed their appreciation of JUST's style.

Zoran Ilioski

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Scorers: Manecas 44th, Brown 75th (West); Purdie 59th, T. Byrne 75th.

Cautions: Milovanovic (Canberra).
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2800.

Referee: Bobby Kerr
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7 — McGregor 8, McGachay 8, M. Brennan 8, Totiskas 8 — Booth 6, Doorne 8, Honeyman 7 — Hyrs 9, Brown 7.

MANECAS: Hasowski 7, Ambrosio 6, Byrne 8, Milovanovic 8, Moutopoulos 6 — Byrne 7, Christopoulos 8, Stone 7, MacLaren 7, A. Brennan 8 (Purdie 40th 8), Gibson 7.

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Derwall: Germany's best forward crown

Two years ago they were Europe's best and since then they haven't been beaten in Europe. Now the Germans are after the world championship title — for the third time in their history, just like Brazil.

West Germany has big plans for the mundial, and what's more, common wisdom among the experts hold that the path to glory leads through Brazil.

Similarly the Brazilians fear Germany the most.

The torrid Spanish summer may hold some unpleasant surprises for the Germans, who do not fancy heat-wave conditions. In their previous two title wins they triumphed in pouring rain in Bern 28 years ago against Hungary, and in their home surroundings in 1974 over Holland.

Against this common superstition, it may be wise to recall that their European championship win in Italy was clinched in a hot, open, and hot. So, the weather conditions may not be a decisive factor this year.

Most of the Germans' team building was well under way a couple of seasons ago and not much in the way of change can be expected now. But, it is a different team from the one which finished on top in Italy,

By PETER SCOTT

changed enormously by the return of Paul Breitner to the team in the role of playmaker.

There is also more than one hope for West Germany's greatest problem is not who to put in, but rather who to leave out. Derwall has been in charge since September 1978 and it is as well to remember that being West German manager is usually a long-term occupation.

His greatest initial achievement was a 23-match streak without loss, including the European Championship win.

But this was followed by a couple of defeats in Uruguay at the Mundialito, but very few people took that tournament seriously, played, as it was, at the end of a gruelling autumn season of the Bundesliga.

There was only one more loss after this, against Brazil at Stuttgart in May, when Breitner twice failed to convert a penalty kick.

In the World Cup qualifiers the Federal first in its group, winning all its matches home and away against Austria, Bulgaria, Albania and Finland.

In Spain, Algeria, Chile and — one again — neighbor Austria provide the initial opposition in Group 2, but there isn't a person who doesn't

expect West Germany to win the group with something to spare.

The European champion team was Schuster, Kitz, K. Foerster, Steleike, Dietz — Brigel (Culman), Schuster, H. Mueller, Rummel, Hrubesch, K. Alfors.

Other players who appeared in matches prior to the final included B. Foerster, Magath, Mennig, Votava and De'Haye. All of them are available for selection, but it is not certain that Derwall will pick them again.

Nonetheless, the key men in the German team are self-evident. They include Cologne's Gerd Müller, Schuster (Born 1954) who is the undisputed No. 1 in his position. Like his predecessor Sepp Maier, Schuster is commonly ranked in world super class.

His deputy young Eike Immel (1960), ranks beneath him only in lack of experience, while Bayern München's Walter Junghans (1958) could be the running for a spot in the squad, as may veteran Braunschweig's keeper Bernd Franke (1948), who also has national team duty behind him.

A certainty in the defence is Hamburg's Manfred Kaltz (1953). His forte is reliability and an ability to endanger the opposition goal with scoring runs on the wing.

Real Madrid's Uli Stielke (1954) needs no introduction. If Kaiser's Franz Beckenbauer (1947) leads the team, Stielke will be in midfield. Unfortunately the Kaiser has been

injured more often than in recent months, but fit or not, he will be in Spain — if not as a player, then as an adviser to Derwall. He is also toying with the idea of working as a press correspondent during the Mundial.

Strength and team work are the characteristics of Karl-Heinz Förster from Stuttgart (1958), the same as Hans-Peter Brehm (1955), Kaiser Hamburg's Felix Magath (1953) and Roland Rother (1957) from Frankfurt are ready to step into the breach, and then we still haven't considered one of the "Treasures" of German football, FC Köln's Rainer Bonhof (1948).

This depth of talent will allow Derwall to rest some of his players whenever needed, especially in view of the virtual certainty that West Germany will have many more games to play than just the three in Round One.

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the gossip writers of German newspapers with columns of material.

Possible solutions may lie in Breitner and Schuster patching up their differences for the common good, or if Schuster's nagging injury falls to allow enough time for his comeback preparations prior to June.

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him the World's No. 1, but it would be futile to argue the point — the mundial will decide.

On the other hand, there can be no argument that Koeln's Pierre Littbarski (1960) is by far the best left winger in Germany today. If his development continues he can become one of the world's best, unlike Ruediger Abramczik (1956) who has not lived up to his early promise since leaving Schalke. He is presently with Dortmund and has publicly stated his ambition to be in Spain. Just as the world's best, Abramczik is considered a leading light among those West German international players who were caustically described by Gunter Netzer recently, as "Businessmen who play soccer as a hobby".

Another to come into calculations is Abramczik's clubmate Manfred Burgsmüller (1949), who is always among the goals in the Bundesliga, but not on international duty, where he hardly ever is considered for selection.

Finally, Koeln's Klaus Alfors (1956) must come into calculations on the left wing, as the leading scorer of the European Championships.

The permutations are almost endless and trying to work out the right combinations is a waste of time.

In a few weeks from now Derwall will provide the answer for all the world to see. Let's face it, he has a choice which is virtually unparalleled among the 24 World Cup finalists.

Twice world champions, once second and twice third

1934 in Italy
Germany: Jürgen Harek, Werner Schwarz, Jupp, Sponer, Zickler, Lohr, Hohmann, Cohn, Sif, Hoff, K. Kalden, H. H.

Belgium: Van der Weert, Smolenski, Jochen, Poesner, Walschberger, Klemens, Dörner, Vohler, Capel, Grommeyer, Herremann, Grommeyer.

Germany: Sweden 2-1 (0-0).
Germany: Korea, Hungary, Czech, Czechoslovakia, Lebanon, Hungary 2-0, Czech, Sif, Hoff, K. Kalden, H. H.

Sweden: Hungary, Austria, Austria 2-0, Czech, Sif, Hoff, K. Kalden, H. H.

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1938 in France
Germany: 1-1 (0-1). After extra time.

Switzerland: Hubs, Minelli, Lehmann, Springer, Varnal, Lohr, Amann, Walschberger, Bick, Amann, H. H.

Germany: 1-1 (0-1). After extra time.

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1950 in Brazil
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1954 in Switzerland
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1958 in Sweden
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1970 in Mexico
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Yugoslavovska Scena

FENIKS IS FOOTSCRAY-A

Televizija je u JUST prmo prvo protiv West Adelaide iz ofsajka, koji sudija i njegov pomoćnik nisu videli (?), kao din ocligledan jedanaesterac u korist "plavih" pred kraj igre, koji je JUST morao da dobije prema razvoju utakmice. Niko ne odobrava pasivnu sigurnu i potpuno praznu, jer je bio najslabiji faktor ove sportske priredbe, a najviše i najteže je kaznjiv JUST. Kazne bi sigurno bile daleko veće da JUST-ov veterani Ante Kovac nije prihvatio ulogu branioca, koji je sa uspehom obavio.

Najbolji su se pokazali sa subinodm, da PLAVI, bez Bollandia, Lujica, Jovanovic, Curuvica i Cozzelle, dozive jos jednu katastrofu protiv Leichardta u Sijednu. Ali lopta je okrugla i nikada ne treba potceniti protivnika. APJA je zabavljala i izazivala gledaoce i dobila je propisnu lekciju od poslednjeg na tabeli, koji je nadmorio protivnika u svakom pogledu. Goive su postigli Pavle Simic i Markovic. Goive su postigli Pavle Simic i Markovic. Goive su postigli Pavle Simic i Markovic.

Pobeda je dosla u pravo vreme, jer je moral JUST-a bio na tacki samrtnice. Razume se, trener Peter Jaks je oduševljen sa postignutim rezultatom, koji je PLAVIMA donio prvu pobedu u ovom prvenstvu. JUST nije poslednji, to mnogo znaci, jer ce uskoro biti mnogo jaci. Nivo igrac Vladimir Pijeljevic treba da stigne danas, a kroz dve tri nedelje vraca se Zdravko Lujic i Zuki Jovanovic posle izdane kazne, koja ce biti odlucna skola za njihov temperamentalni, jednako stetan kao njih i klub, cije boje nose.

Sledece nedelje, 25. aprila JUST docekuje na svom igralistu u Footscray-u Brisbane City, koja ne treba potceniti, iako se boru za opstanak u Philips ligi kao JUST.

OLERTONOVA GODINA
Makedonija cije pobeda Adelaide City sa 2:1 (1:1), zahvaljujuci treneru Peteru Olertonu, koji je u 5. minutu zamenio Todorovskog. Ovaj veterani je pobedio dva puta, ali se bele tacke, sto je Makedonci doveli dva zlatna boda i povratilo je u trku za naslov samopionista Australije. Udele nedelje Makedonija gostuje u Sijednu, gde igra protiv Marcojija.

PRVENSTVO VIKTORIJE
CROATIA je posle nesigurnost stanja, savladala glavnu konkurentku Austriju sa 2:1, pa je ponovo postala favorit za naslov državnog prvaka Viktorije, iako je rano prognoziran, jer je odigrao svega 4 kola.

PRVA DIVIZIJA
ALTONA GATE ALTONA CITY 2:1 (1:1). Da se stadij bita, Vardari bi zabeležili mnogo vecu pobedu. Strelci: Cane Zdravski i Cele Talevski. Sastav Altona Gate: Sharpa, Dimovski, Derivovski, Serovski (Zdravski), Naumovski, Presilski, Scorsi (Ignatits), Aceksi, Micevski, Talevski, Bozinovski.

DRUGI TIM J.U.S.T. — a — HEIDELBERG/BANDORA 3:2 (2:1). Mladi i neiskusni tim JUST-a poceo je samopionisti, ali je naglo popustio pošto je povero sa 2:0. Gosti su izjednačili, ali PLAVI su u završnici zadržali osvojeni prva dva boda u ovogodisnjem prvenstvu. Strelci: Robert Stolić i Ivica Karica za JUST, Brian Coyte i Ray Pocock za Heidelberg. Sastav JUST-a: Aric, Bilovic, Ivica Karica (Glavan), Talevski, Ohlak, Stolić.

cevski, Petrov, Janjic, Stofa, Nedelkovski (Amici), Atanasovski. Rezerva igrala naredno 2:2 (0:1). Strelci: Mark Gentile i Alex Amici.

RINGWOOD/SRBIA — WERRIBEE 2:2 (0:2). Strelci: Boris Bajas i Dragan Dejanovic. Preko 30 minuta igre je razocaran tim igrigrom svih 1 jubinoma, koji su strelno izbegli poraz, iako su u prvom poluvremenu potpuno nadmoral protivnika i povelu sa 2:0. Sudija je bio los na stetu Srbije, koja bi ipak sacuvala oha boda da Mica Kovacevic bez potrebe nije napravio jedanaesterac, a Milan Cvijic pogresno intervensio kod drugog gola. Sastav Srbije: Cvijic, Remers, Bailey, Mili saviljevic, Jevtic, Kovacevic, Bjelogrić, Dejanovic, Jodimas, Vaugham, Pejlovic, Basic. Rezerva je pobedila sa 6:2.

KARINGAL — CARLTON/MILADOST 2:0 (1:0). Mladost je igrala, a protivnik davao golove. Sastav Mladosti: Stefanovic, Naumovski (Srbinski), Bosevski, Capaculovski, Bekar, Talevski, Belurov, Panic, Markovski (Serovski), Trakovski, Barot, Bojli od ostalih. Zarko Stefanovic, Jarosl Naumovski i Mirko Bekar.

HAWSBURN — EAST BRUNSWICK 5:0 (2:0). Raspolozenog Hawksburna nista nije moglo zaustaviti, iako se zlatni protivnik borio svih 90 minuta. Strelci: George Johnson, Steve Dere, Slavko Visk, Joe Sabo i Steve Bleskany. Sastav Hawksburna: Sander Kaci, Palo, Benedek, Bulic, Andraz Kaci, Slavko Visk, Johnson, Horvat (Sabo), Bleskany, Bleskany, Dere. Rezerva je pobedila sa 3:0 (0:0). Strelci: Slavko Drilic, Zoltan Nadj i Villi Garamesji.

GLARINDA — ALTONA/VOJVOJINDA 3:1 (2:1). Protivnik je nekoliko kontrapasada postigao 3 gola, dok je Vojvodina od desetast iskristila samo jednu. Strelac Veljko Dupor. Sastav: Peska, Jevosevski, Dimovski, Simonovski, Pavic, Gedupovski, Vlacvic, Bleskany (Skienar), Dupor, Kovtas (Pavie Oravac), Dimitrijevic, Rezerva je poverila se 2:0 preko Andrije Kovtasa, ali je naglo popustila, sto je Clarinda iskoristila da izjednači rezultat.

S P R I N G V A L E U T D (BRISTOL/INDISTON) NORTH MELBOURNE 3:1 (2:0). Strelci: Milenko Calibrk i Dragoslav Jelcic.

PASCOE VALE/PELISTER — VERNMONT 4:0 (1:0). Strelci: Tome Nedelkovski 2 gola, Marko Radjovic i Tony Santarino po jedan. Pelister je gotovo cak utakmicu igrao sa 10 igrača, koji je stadij na pocetku isključio. Zorana Dimovski zbog prigovora. Ipak, pobeda nije dolazila u pitanje ni u jednom trenutku. Sastav: Karanfilic, Gardiner, Lazarevski, Tiliovski, Dzanovski, Bobojna, Apostovski, Ristic, Santarino, Nedelkovski, Dimovski. Rezerva je pobedila sa 2:0 (0:0). Oba gola je postigao Zivko Blazevski.

AMATERI
WESTAL/TIMORESE — RED STAR 4:6 (2:3). Sastav: Zvezda, Miki Zvezdovski, Jorgo Gagic, Zoran Vukmircovic i Boris Andjelkovic. Najbolji: Miki Cvetkovski, Zoran Krnic i Dragan Milenkovic.

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA
ALTONA DELTA — TARAX 6:1. Pocasi goli je postigao Tarax, koji je bio najbolji igrac Taraxa. Pored njega najbolji Mladena Kresingera, Ricarda Priera i Drageta Dimovski. Sledece nedelje je na "Marakani" Tarax u Micron

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Frankston	0	1	3	2	10	1
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Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

	Albion v Falcons	F'ton v R'wood	Juve v S'shine	H-Hak v Croatia	G. Cross v N'cote	Croydon v Ajax	Doves v Polonia
TIM WHITE	Albion	F'ton	Juve	Croatia	G. Cross	Ajax	Draw
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Les Shorrocks	Albion	F'ton	Draw	Croatia	G. Cross	Ajax	Polonia

Sunshine goes into Sunday's big game against Juventus chockful of confidence according to joint coach Steve Gaw.

"We'll beat Juventus at Olympic Park on Sunday because we're the best footballing side in State League," said Gaw.

Had Gaw watched Juventus against Croatia he would have been even more confident of success, if that were possible. I think that Gaw and Sunshine may have to settle for a draw against one of the best back lines in State League.

If not for Vince and Paddy Bannon, Harry Hird and Peter Donaldson's persistence, then Croatia could have run up a big scoreline on Sunday.

This week's defensive quartet faces up to Norrie Pate, John Mudrinic and Chris Taylor.

Hird probably will look after Mudrinic and I expect for the Juventus left back to do well.

The battle between Donaldson and Pate could be close. Pate has good close ball skills and turns well. Donaldson will stick close and if he can contain the Sunshine striker he will have played a crucial role in setting up a result for the black and whites.

Vince Bannon was strangely loathe to overlap against Croatia. Indeed, without his surges down the right Juventus looked pretty inept going forward.

Sunshine's success this season has been based upon its discipline and organisation as a team unit, two features of soccer absent from Juventus's performance last weekend.

Surely Fabio Incantalupo and Graham French won't be starved of the ball the way they were against Croatia.

I expect Sunday's battle to be tight, can't split these sides and I expect the points to be shared.

Hellas-Hakoah could come unstuck against Croatia at Middle Park. Croatia undefeated in the league, is starting to put it together and team selection seems to have stabilised.

Josep Biskic was a minor revelation against Juventus. Jozo Antolovic did well but was put under pressure and Steve Kokoska's presence gave the defence an air of solidity lacking in recent times.

Big Tom Patsakos hit the goal trail twice last week against struggling Northcote but facing up to state stopper Kokoska is a rather different proposition.

I expect Croatia to win. Croydon Park hasn't been the happiest of hunting grounds for champion Ajax. Inexperienced Graham Haupt has done well in recent weeks as sweeper for Croydon however he will face a stiff test trying to stop speedy Paul Lewis running through on to the end of the good work by big Gus Macleod and the creative Ajax midfield.

Then there's the Welsh international David Smallman to contend with. He scored twice last Sunday and although taken off due to injury should be fit for the Croydon Park clash.

Croydon's ace striker Ian Loughnane had a groin injury and was unable to play against Doveton last weekend but he too should be fully recovered in time for Sunday's clash.

Morwell Falcons can take a point from their trip to Selwyn Park on Saturday.

Tony van Baar's return from injury and Dave Perkin's switch into a right flanking midfielder's role gives Falcons much more attacking flair. Van Baar plays on the left side of Falcons' midfield quartet.

With Noel Mitten and Richie McClellie up front and the tireless, creative John O'Callaghan in centre midfield, suddenly Falcons aren't as bad off as we all thought they were at the start of the season.

Ken Smart is starting to really hit his straps for Albion though and Falcons player-coach Dave O'Connor will be hoping that Sandy Irvine recovers from injury in time for Saturday's game.

Albion defender John Creany was sent off just 10 minutes into the second half after a fierce tackle on Wilhelmina midfielder Joe Tront.

WILHELMINA 2 (Gibson, Thom) ALBION ROVERS 2 (Spiteri, Smart)

WILHELMINA: Barclay 7 - Patten 7, McDermott 6, Luyten 6, Strausz 5 - Tront 6, O'Reilly 6, Gibson 5 - Stewart 7, Heyland 6, Thom 5. ALBION: Looock 6 - Corbin 6, Creany 7 (sent off 85th), Huber 7, A. McMillan 7 - Spiteri 6 (L. Murphy 80th), Reilly 7, Ferris 6 - Coyle 6 (S. McMillan 75th), D'Sylva 6, Smart 8.

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George Cross must beat Northcote at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday or else face a season of obscurity in the lower reaches of the league.

The Cross should win, especially if Carl Gilder can be signed from Croatia to play as target man with Bobby Toal working off of him.

Northcote was talking about buying five new players this week. That's about how many are needed to turn the North-erners into a decent outfit.

Doveton still searches for its first point of the season. It faces up to visitor Polonia at Waratah Reserve on Sunday and must grab at least a point.

I'll stick with the Doves for one last week. If they can't draw with Polonia then the panic button will have to be hit and somehow the club must come up with enough money to sign a class striker. Otherwise the club will be wondering how it can offload its temporary residents next year when it's in First Division.

Please beat Wilhelmina at Centenary Park and take me to the top of "Soccer Action's tipsters' poll."

That's my plea to home side Frankston for Saturday's game.

Don't get me wrong, I've got nothing against Mike de Bruyckere's side. It's just that there's a bit of money riding on the winner of our poll and I'd like those few dollars to travel in my direction.

I hope Joe Tront has an absolutely hopeless game. So too with Dave Hoyland and Dave Gibson. And if a couple of defensive lapses can creep into the Wilhelmina back four I'll be thoroughly delighted.



Juventus sweeper Paddy Bannon (right) organises his defence on Sunday at Olympic Park. Croatia youngster Ossie Latif is savagely dropping on Bannon's instructions. Picture by LES SHORROCK

Little Biskic bubbles over

CROATIA 2 (Brogan 2) JUVENTUS 1 (Heery pen.)

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Curcio 8 (inj. Blavner 85th), Antolovic 7, Kokoska 7, Parton 9 - Biskic 8, Adams 7, Faulkner 6 - Latif 6, Brogan 9, Murphy 7.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 - V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 7, Donaldson 6, Hird 9 - Cunningham 5 (Geramin 60th), G. Bannon 6, Swincoe 7 - French 6, Incantalupo 5, Heery 6.

David Brogan, Sean Parton and newcomer Josip Biskic were the principal actors in Croatia's important 2-1 victory against a mediocre Juventus. The principal feature of Juve's game was its never ending ability to give the ball away. It was astonishing to watch Fabio Incantalupo, Ged Bannon and three or four other Juve players playing balls either to opponents or into space with no Juve team mate in sight.

Little Biskic was a real tonic for Croatia. He danced around Paddy Bannon a couple of times and always wanted to taunt and tease opponents, which he did with a great deal of success.

At the other end of the park Harry Hird shone like a beacon at the back. He easily won the ball and took time off from giving Ossie Latif a terrible beating to intercept many balls and start Juve going forward once more.

However, as it turned out, Hird was wasting his time. The Juventus midfield was almost non-existent. Ged Bannon had off day, Stewart Cunningham hardly was sighted until substituted (not that little Frank Geramin did anything when he came on), while Kevin Swincoe had a new good run down the left in the second half.

Croatia opened the scoring

in the 31st minute. Gary Clayton punched clear to Jeff Faulkner outside the area. Faulkner beat one man then tried to shoot but mis-kicked the ball straight to the feet of the incoming Brogan who side-footed in from just six metres. Juve replied courtesy of a controversial penalty decision from referee Henderson. Tony Heery neatly sent Blasby the wrong way.

The crucial Croatia goal came in the 78th minute. Little Biskic combined well with Curcio down the right. Biskic took the ball to the by-line and cut it back. Juve paid dearly for its inability to clear properly when Keith Adams tried to shoot. The ball was deflected to the waiting Brogan who took two attempts before blasting it in from a metre out.

Watters to Shiners

SUNSHINE 2 (Gonsalves o.g., McNaully) FRANKSTON 0.

SUNSHINE: Contini 6 - Mussel 6, Gramsberger 7, Lowe 7, Ellis 7 - Bain 6, Nelson 6, McNaully 7 - Muchinic 6 (McRobert 75th), Pate 6, Taylor 6.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 6 - Whiteside 7, Driscoll 6, Stewart 6, Pyle 6 - Gobby 7, Gonsalves 7, Tait 6, Mitchell 5 - Buchanan 6 (inj. Burroughs 60th), Delahay 6.

Sunshine signed Altona midfielder George Watters last week.

David Nelson, brother of midfielder Rob, rejoined the Shiners when he flew in from the U.K. on Saturday. He played with Watters in Sunday's reserve game against Frankston and both scored.

Croatia's Gilder to join Cross?

AJAX 3 (Smallman 2, Macleod pen) GEORGE CROSS 0.

AJAX: Denny 7 - Peter Lewis 7, Gardiner 6, Connell 6, G. Bennett 7 - Vassallo 7, A. Bennett 7, Williams 7 - Macleod 7, Smallman 7 (inj. Hughes 75th), Paul Lewis 7.

GEORGE CROSS: Tachiris 8 - Morgan 6, Maitland 6, Lawson 7, McKinley 6 - T. Vella 5, McCann 6, Rigby 6 - Garsden 6, Toal 7, Mazi 5.

George Cross was set to put in a bid for Croatia striker Carl Gilder as we went to press.

It is believed that Cross will offer \$10,000 for the former Victorian forward. If so, Croatia will accept the offer and Gilder will play for Cross this weekend.

"Rocky" Tachiris didn't cost George Cross a penny when he was bought two weeks ago from Northcote and last Sunday against arch rival Ajax young Tachiris was in great touch. Four times in the second half he confronted quicksilver Ajax striker Paul Lewis and won every time.

Ajax however ran out a convincing winner and certainly proved to be the better team unit in this Maltese derby.

Ajax midfielder Alan Bennett chipped the ball over a square Cross defence in the 30th minute and former Welsh international David Smallman just beat Tachiris in the race and tapped the ball under the keeper's body to give Ajax the lead.

Nine minutes later Damien Morgan crashed into Gus Macleod just as the Ajax striker prepared to head the ball. Referee Yelland awarded a penalty. Macleod strode up and kicked it away but Yelland ruled that three Ajax players had encroached inside the area. He booked Jim Williams, Smallman and Paul Lewis and made Macleod take the kick again. The result was the same. Macleod scored to give Ajax a 2-0 lead.

The second half proved to be a one horse race and the scoreline was completed when a Williams corner was contested by a pack of players including Tachiris who palmed down but Smallman, almost on the line, was there to slam the ball home.

In about five weeks time there'll be three Nelsons at Sunshine when 21 year old Stuart arrived from Scotland.

And Carl Holford arrived at last. Well, we think he arrived. The club told "Soccer Action" that he arrived last Monday.

We were unable to verify the story with Frankston or Holford as we went to press.

Although not undeserved it took a stroke of luck to open Sunshine's account on Sunday. John Mudrinic shot against the post in the 8th minute and the ball rebounded on to the knee of the incoming Carlos Gonsalves and went in.

The Shiners stretched their lead in the 58th minute when John McNaully cut in from the left, beat two opponents then tucked away a right foot shot from about 12 metres.

Kevin Burroughs came on for the injured Bill Buchanan and missed twice from the one good chance. Burroughs' first attempt to shoot was a mis-kick. He spun around and the ball was still in front of him so he shot a second time but blasted over.

The Frankston camp wasn't too thrilled by a refereeing decision later in the second half. Gonsalves volleyed the ball which appeared to hit the back stanchion and bounce back out. Referee Venios waved play on.

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The best players from each club for last weekend's games were:

Croatica v Juventus: David Brogan (C), Harry Hird (J). Ajax v George Cross: John Gardiner (A), Taso Tschibira (GC).

Polonia v Morwell Falcons: Alex Marshall (P), Bill Whiteside (M).

Ringwood Wilhelmnia v Albion Rovers: Dave Hoyland (RW), Ken Smart (AR).

Doveton v Croydon: Paul Corke (D), Peter Loughane (C). Sunshin v Frankston: Roger Bain (B), Graham Tunill (F).

Northcote v Hellas-Hakoah: George Bozikis (N), Peter Abram (H).

Northcote's George Bozikis leads with nine votes followed by Keith Adams (Croatica), Steve Lawson (George Cross), Paul Driscoll (Frankston), Rob Nelson (Sunshin) and Bill Whiteside (Falcons), all on six votes.

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The leading sharpshooter for the 1982 league season wins a trip to Singapore flying Thai International.

David Brogan of Croatica's leads the scorers' list with five goals to his credit. Gus Macleod (Ajax), Mick D'Sylva (Albion),

Metro Second Division club St Albans Dinamo is up in arms over a Waverley player who got among the goals in Dinamo's 4-2 defeat on Saturday.

Dinamo president Miro Heges claims that the Waverley player was allowed to play pending the hearing of his appeal against a three week suspension. Heges claims that this opens the door to abuse by players and clubs of player suspensions.

He was seeking legal advice as we went to press with the view to challenge the VSF's decision to allow the Waverley player to play pending his appeal hearing. Heges believes that the player in question should have been ineligible to play.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
KEW CITY 1 (McCluskey pen.) MORELAND 1 (C. Constantinou)

KEW CITY: Lukac 7, Drouge 7, Gidgen 47th B, McCluskey 9, Macleod 8, Stewart 8, McElhinney 8, Savage 7, G. Petrov 8, Parsons 6 (McCarthy 60th), Lynn 7, Williams 6.

MORELAND: Vasilou 7, McDonald 8, C. Constantinou 7, Waters 7, Oates 7, Vercich 8 (last off 40th), Noddy 7, Pele 8, Avestina 7, P. Constantinou 8, Tennant 8.

Just after the half time break, a Moreland defender was penalised for pushing inside the area. Big Danny McCluskey made sure from the penalty spot.

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (Klarin, Kyrtidis) BOX HILL 3 (Ramos 2, Valentino)

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mianidis, Kyrtidis, Borg, Howe, Kupnic, Kupiz, Dimovski, Moore, Karir, Vojtak, Gilmore (Lekakis 71st).

BOX HILL: Neum, 1, Rodhouse, A. Rodhouse, McLeod (Brownlie 67th), Lawler, Ramos, Valentine, Tolmie, Vercich (Taylor 60th), Hughes, Patterson.

Suburbs were ahead in two minutes when a mix up at the back allowed Eddie Kupiz to centre low across the Hillmen's goal from the left, and big Mick Klarin slid in between a somewhat flat footed group of defenders to deflect the ball past Craig Hearn from six metres.

Box Hill countered quickly, and in the 10th minute Ray Tolmie split the Suburbs defence with a beautifully angled ball to Scott Patterson on the left wing. The tall striker took the ball in his stride and raced to the edge of the penalty area, before laying an inch perfect cross to the far post where Pedro Ramos rammed it into the roof of the net on the volley.

The youthful Hillmen were in full command at this stage and it came as no surprise when in the 28th minute they took the lead. This time it was Tolmie who found himself in possession wide on the left. His cross found the head of Ramos, again timing his run to the far post to perfection, and although Borg managed to get a despairing foot to the ball he was unable to prevent it crossing the line to give the young midfielder his fourth goal of the season.

Ten minutes into the second half it was anyone's game, again when Western Suburbs equalised. Kupiz swung a long speculative cross from the left and Kyrtidis gave Hearn no chance with a nicely angled shot into the far corner of the goal.

Suburbs defence was caught on the hop and Valentino cut inside, beat Mike Kupiz on the edge of the area, and slotted the ball past a helpless Mianidis from 15 metres.

DONCASTER ROVERS 1 (Forsyth pen.) SLAVIA 1 (Barra)

DONCASTER: G. Sullivan, Teer, Barberogolou, I. Hurnbie, K. Hurnbie, A. Hurnbie, Fields, Hall, Forsyth, Bernardini, Haupt, Gow, S. Sullivan.

SLAVIA: Hammond, Anderson, Ortiz, Baz, Flores, Leary, Polras, Rubio, Bourne, Jurka, Barera, Valenzuela, Opatz, Macchica.

Doncaster's defence was charged up for the home side with a free header from Armstrong's inswinging corner in the 75th minute.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION TWO
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Charlie Hendry snatched two points for the home side with a free header from Armstrong's inswinging corner in the 75th minute.

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DIVISION THREE
NUNAWADING CITY 4 (Deane, Owen, West, Brown) BRIGHTON

NUNAWADING: N. Van Egmond, P. Muller, J. Cusack, S. Moyle, S. Deane, N. Van Egmond Jr., M. Bekker, T. Owen, D. Brown, H. West, E. Pahlani.

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THOMASTOWN 2 (Brooks 2) ELTHAM 0

ELTHAM: Carey, Sceris, M. Cirka, Kipitnick, P. Cirka, Feenley, S. Forster, Briggs, Herman, Atanowski, I. Forster.

BEST: Eltham: Peter Cirka, Herman, I. Forster.

The turning point of the game came 20 minutes into the second half when Thomas's centre half was sent off.

Thomastown immediately raised its game and with Eltham content to back-pedal, got right on top and scored twice through Brooks in the 74th and 80th minutes.

DIVISION FOUR
SANDRINGHAM 3 (Kelly, Armstrong, Hendry) HAMLYN RANGERS 2 (Virt 2)

SANDRINGHAM: Harburn 8 — Grundy 8, Walker 8, Greenwood 7, Dillon 7 — Deeming 7, Mackay 7 (Buck 66th), Kalogirou 8 (Cameron 60th) — Hendry 7, Armstrong 6, Kelly 7.

HAMLYN RANGERS: Nydam 7 (sent off 48th) — Mela 8, McNeill 8, Tutone 8, Evans 8 — Niblett 6, Friday 7, Broadley 6 — Virt 9, Gilroy 7, Fraser 8.

Faster, sharper Hamlyn Rogers soon set home side Sandringham back on its heels with two goals in the first 20 minutes.

A defensive error by Brian Greenwood allowed quicksilver Henry Virt to gain possession, carry the ball inside the area then unleash a pili-dri-ty which sent the ball thudding into the top corner.

That was after just four minutes. Worse followed for Sandringham 15 minutes later when Martin Gilroy sent an inch perfect near post cross over from the right and Virt neatly headed home from about three metres.

A terrible back pass by Joe Tutone right on half time set up Colman Kelly who slipped the ball under Hamlyn keeper Peter Hydam to peg back the visitors' lead.

Three minutes into the second half Nydam was sent off. The Hamlyn keeper kicked the ball away in disgust at a free kick given against him. Surely he wasn't sent off solely for that misdeed.

Goalscorer Virt took over between the sticks but yet another poor pass back, this time from young Robert Mels, enabled Kelly to nip in and shoot. Virt got a hand to the ball but only could deflect it into the centre of the area and the incoming Jimmy Armstrong did well to slot the ball away under pressure from two defenders on either side.

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SOUTH DANDENONG: R. Mery, J. Vega, J. Beladrigas, F. Gonzalez, P. Medina, E. Sanchez, M. Ynez, C. Bartlett, A. Medina, M. Romero (sub. C. Gonzalez), T. Smith (sub. R. Vega).

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WILSON STILL WAY OUT AHEAD IN SOCCEROO HONORS

Peter Wilson continues to stand tall as Australia's most senior international player, after the frenzy of national team activity under Rudi Gutendorf.

And will take a long, long time for anyone to overtake him on the Soccerroo honors board.

Wilson, the moustachioed coalminer who returned to the APLA team a few weeks ago after injury, played 115 matches, including 62 full international from 1970 until early 1979.

He was Australian captain for most of that time.

Of the current internationals, John Kosmina (Sydney City) is closest to Wilson, with 41 appearances, including 25 full internationals.

But with the emphasis being placed on youth for the next World Cup series in 1985, Kosmina may not get the chance to add to his tally sufficiently.

The younger players closest (?) to Wilson are Eddie Krncevic (33/17), Greg Woodhouse (24/11) and Alan Davidson (21/12).

The all-time great Soccerroo youth team eleven, according to full youth internationals. Number of games and youth international goals in brackets:

By LAURIE SCHWAB

- 19 Keith, McCol
18 Clarke, Muniz, Williams
17 Krncevic
16 Tolson, Cole
15 Reilly, E. Campbell, Westwater
14 Marnoch, Jankovics
13 R. Hogg, Prskalo, Boden, Yzendoorn
12 Perry, Davidson
11 Woodhouse
10 Blue, P. Stone

INTERNATIONAL GOALS

- Leaders:
25 Abonyi
18 Baartz
14 Cole
13 Ollerton
8 Vojtek, McCol, Kosmina
7 Alston, Buljevic
6 Warren
5 Richards, Mackay, Barnes
4 Tolson, Blue, Scheinflug, Sharne

- Leaders:
115 Wilson
99 Rooney
88 Abonyi
72 Schaefer
62 Warren

The all-time great Soccerroo eleven, according to full international appearances. Number of games and goals scored in brackets after the names:

- 11 Ron CORRY (28/0)
10 Doug UTJESENOVIC (34/2)
9 Manfred SCHAEFER (49/0)
8 Peter WILSON (62/3)
7 Stan ACKERLEY (28/0)
6 Jimmy ROONEY (53/3)
5 Johnny WARREN (43/6)
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3 Ray BAARTZ (49/18)
2 Ray RICHARDS (32/5)
1 Adrian ALSTON (39/7)

TOTAL AUSTRALIAN YOUTH APPEARANCES

- Leaders:
20 Raskopoulos
17 Wheatley, Kay
16 Blair
15 Patikas, Hunter
14 Ahearn, Mitchell
13 Crino, Woods, Lee
11 Woodhouse, Milovanovic, Selemidis, Rowden
10 Little, P. Tredinnick, Krncevic, Christopoulos, Davidson, Jennings

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL GOALS

- Leaders:
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5 Koussas
4 Crino
3 P. Tredinnick
2 Little, D. Colusso

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21 Baartz
20 Ollerton
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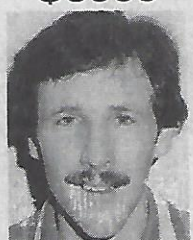
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Paul KAY (14/0)
Ian HUNTER (12/2)
David MITCHELL (12/2)
Grant LEE (11/1)

Rainey at \$3000



Preston Makedonia defender Mike Rainey (pictured) is transfer listed at a negotiable fee of \$3000.

Rainey played with Clydebank in Scotland before joining Hakoah in Melbourne in 1977.

While with Hakoah the versatile rainey played in defence, midfield and attack before leaving after a two year stint to join Makedonia.

Rainey played an integral part in Makedonia's 1980 State League championship outfit and last year was one of Makedonia's most consistent PSL performer.

Clubs interested in signing him can contact Rainey at

TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

TOP PLAYERS MAY RUN SUPER SKILL TESTS

Much has been written in recent weeks about the exciting sponsorship from McDonalds Family restaurants of Australia. But what does it all mean to junior players and clubs apart from the incentive of gaining awards and certificates?

Soccer at this level is such an enjoyable and simple game. All you need is a ball and a few friends and at the drop of a couple of tracksuit tops, to act as goals, there will be a game.

If it were that easy to get players to practice the basic skills the game would be a lot better off.

That is why we should all welcome the McDonalds Super Skills award scheme.

Playing is always more attractive than practicing but this incentive scheme will help make practicing more attractive than before.

Many coaches work on a misguided notion that practice makes perfect

permanent, so it follows that it is just as easy to develop a bad habit as it is a good one. This is one method of help develop good habits. It is a way of furnishing junior coaches with a number of new ideas to help them train their young players on training nights.

The super skills will reward practice but it also will help teachers and coaches to teach the game and will help players to play better.

In Victoria I am currently, with the aid of Michael Weinstein, the chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, investigating the best methods of meaningfully implementing the scheme.

Mass mailing to clubs and schools will have begun as the Australian Soccer Federation intends to furnish them with a beginner's kit to help them implement the awards.

We would like to add a further incentive to the scheme by arranging the examinations for awards to become special occasions.

These occasions hopefully would have more significance with the presence of international, Phillips League and State League players and coaches.

It is a further opportunity to bridge the gap



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BACK ROW: Kris Kallitidis (from Northcote), Duncan Cummings (ex-Hellas), Jim Kalambeckis (Hellas juniors), Bill Jordanou (ex-Hakoah), George Hannah (ex-Hakoah), Danny Davidson (ex-Hakoah), Steve Kakantonis (from JUST, after completing a one year loan).

FRONT ROW: Stan Webster (ex-Hakoah), Peter Abram (Hellas juniors), Roberto Trafficante (Hellas juniors), Jimmy Wilson (ex-Hakoah), Lou Tsigaris (ex-Hellas), Tony Owen (Hellas juniors).

Hellas-Hakoah was born through amalgamation earlier this year of two traditional glants of Victorian soccer — South Melbourne Hellas and Hakoah. The merger was prompted by Hakoah's increasing financial burden and inability to win the support of Melbourne's large Jewish business community. Hakoah negotiated with a number of clubs last year over the possibility of sharing its Middle Park ground and it was co-tenant Hellas which was chosen. Amid much conjecture that Hellas-Hakoah soon would become a totally Greek sponsored club that amazing identity, Kurt Defrie, continues as secretary-manager of a club he has administered for well over 40 years. Some of the top junior prospects at Hellas now have a chance to establish themselves in State League before fighting their way into PSL competition with sister club South Melbourne Hellas.



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

From DAVID FINCH

NEW YORK — Professional soccer in the United States faces a critical season this year following the collapse of one-third of the teams in the North American Soccer League.

But while the NASL struggles to avoid extinction, the boom in soccer at school, college and even professional level gets bigger and bigger.

The plight of the NASL can be traced to several factors:

- Rising costs in a time of economic recession.

Beckenbauer is finished, Ardules goes back home

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Franz Beckenbauer has left hospital after recovering from a kidney laceration.

Beckenbauer, who captained West Germany when it beat the Netherlands in the 1974 World Cup final, was injured playing for Hamburg against Stuttgart. He was in hospital for 10 days.

The 36-year-old defender plans to resume training early next month but does not expect to play again in the Bundesliga. "It isn't to be," he said.

Beckenbauer, capped a record 103 times for West Germany, had hoped to return to the national side for the World Cup finals in Spain.

But a spate of injuries have marred the final season in a career in which he led Bayern Munich and West Germany to world and European titles before moving to New York Cosmos.

He will have a testimonial match in Hamburg on June 1 before embarking on a job with a mass circulation newspaper during the World Cup finals.

Oswaldo Ardules, Spurs' Argentine midfielder star, flew back home almost immediately after the Cup-holder had beaten Leicester City and reached the final of the F.A. Cup for the second year running. Ossie, as he is better known, left as pre-arranged some time ago to join Cesar Menotti's World Cup squads in preparation for its defence of the title in Spain.

It was originally hoped that Ardules would be allowed back for Tottenham's F.A. Cup final against Queens Park Rangers at Wembley on May 22, but now, in view of the position between Britain and Argentina, it could be that the little midfielder master will never don a Spurs shirt again which, to say the least, is a big loss to Spurs and to British soccer.

Ardules, who has over 50 international caps for Argentina, joined Spurs in August 1978 and had played over 180 games for them. He was accompanied on his way home by his wife Sylvia and their son Frederico, 3, after having left their Hertfordshire home and wide circle of friends with a heavy heart.

Steve Perryman, the Spurs skipper, said "he's a smashing little fellow and a great player".

"Ossie has been a shining example to every footballer who plays abroad". He joined Spurs from Cordoba.

Asa Hartford, the Scotland World Cup skipper, has come under fire by his club manager John Bond of Manchester City. Bond, highly critical of Hartford's displays over the past couple of months, says: "Frankly I don't see how Jock Stein can pick him".

Hull City players Nicky Deacy and Mickey Horswill have joined Hong Kong side Happy Valley on free transfers. Hull is in the hands of the receiver.

Chelsea's financial worries are now the club has been sold to millionaire Keith Bates who has become a director of the club and is tipped to take over from Viscount Chelsea as chairman in the foreseeable future. Chelsea is \$3 million in the red, mostly due to payments for its new stand but Ken Bates, who was previously associated with fourth division Wigan Athletic, has arranged substantial sums to ensure the club's future.

David Fairclough, 25, the Liverpool super sub for the past two seasons, who has been out of contention, is the latest player to join Bob Houghton's star-studded Toronto Blizzard for \$300,000.

Derek Parkin, the long-serving Wolves defender who toured Australia with the Midlands side in the early 70's, is to be freed at the end of this season in lieu of service. Parkin has played over 300 first team games for Wolves but is presently out of the team.

Over 50 foreign players have been imported into English soccer in the past few years at a total cost of around \$10 million. But nearly half of the 50 have not fitted in and returned to other clubs in Europe.

Allan Simonsen, the 28-year-old Danish international and former European Footballer of the year, may opt to play in England next season. Simonsen's three-year contract with Barcelona is up at the end of this season and he has expressed a desire to join any interested first division club.

Former England striker Mick Channon has passed his 50th appearance for Southampton. Trevor Brooking the West Ham and England midfielder, now 34, is almost certain to quit playing after the World Cup. Wolves have given a free transfer to their Uruguayan midfielder Rafael Villazan. Kevin Hector, the Derby County striker, has passed the club's all-time record appearances of Jack Perry established 16 years ago at 483 games. Bobby Livingston resigned as manager of Scottish club Montrose with the axe hovering over his head.

The F.A.s of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland are adamant that despite the Britain/Argentine rift and rumours there is absolutely no question of any of the three withdrawing from the World Cup. And Harry Caven, senior vice-president of FIFA, who is also president of Northern Ireland F.A., says that the expulsion of Argentina or any other nation is extremely unlikely.

Craig Johnston, back in the Liverpool side, got a valuable three points with his goal at Old Trafford against Manchester United which makes the Merseysiders favourites for their 13th league

One-third of U.S. league collapses, TV out

• A slight but unexpected decline in attendance.
• Poor television ratings.
• The failure of the U.S. national team to reach the World Cup finals.

• And a miscalculation by the NASL a few years ago in deciding to expand the league rapidly.

As a result, the NASL opened its 16th season with only 14 teams, down from 21 last year and a high of 24 the year before, making a mockery of Commissioner Phil Woosnam's boast that "soccer is the game of the 80's".

Gone is the last of the original founder clubs, the Dallas Tornadoes, which shut up shop along with the Atlanta Chiefs, Calgary Boomers, California Surf, Los Angeles Aztecs, Minnesota Kicks and Washington Diplomats.

With clubs losing a total of about \$9 million U.S. (\$2.2 million Aust) dollars last year, the American Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) network ending its agreement to televise games, and costs rising while attendance was slipping, the seven owners took the view it was time to stop throwing good money after bad and cut their losses.

But the ever-confident Woosnam rejects any comparison with the 1969 season, when the league shrank to five clubs in another fit of pique. He insists that in fact the loss of the seven clubs will prove to be "a very positive step for the league".

The expatriate Welshman argues that two critical factors for the NASL are average attendance and television ratings, and that an increase in the former will assist the latter.

"We believe the average attendance will increase this year because the mainly low attendance clubs will not be operating," Woosnam said in an interview.

Woosnam conceded that average attendance declined last season, but noted it still remained above 14,000 for the fourth consecutive year. For this year, with the league leaner but the clubs stronger, he said he was looking for a 25 per cent increase to 17,000 — and that was only the beginning.

He believes that by the end of the 1980s we'll be experiencing the kind of boom at the professional level that the National Football League experienced in the 1960s. Woosnam said "I believe average attendance will be 30,000 to 40,000".

This would give the NASL valuable ammunition in its hunt for a lucrative network television contract.

ABC television has carried selected NASL games in the past few seasons, but has dropped its option as the ratings — like those for ice hockey, golf, tennis and many other sports — have been below those for so-called "junk sports" such as superstars competitions and the world belly flop championships.

Woosnam reported that coverage of soccer games by cable and non-network television stations "got good ratings on a local basis" and these would continue.

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ΣΣ ΚΑΛΗ ΜΕΡΑ Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ ΝΙΚΗΣΕ

Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ παίζοντας καλό ποδόσφαιρο έκτός έδρας με το Μόρνινγκτον νίκησε 6:1 καια την τοπική ομάδα με 4-1.

Η ελληνική ομάδα αν και δέχθηκε πρώτη τέρμα στην συνέχεια ισοφάρισε με τον Κοτζαμυλάκη και με την έναρξη του 3' ήμιχρόνου προηγήθηκε με τον Γκέσιο.

Στην συνέχεια η ομάδα του Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν πήρε την υπεροχή και σε ανατροπή του Σταυρίδη κέρδισε πέναλτυ που έφτιαξε σε γκολ ο Πήτερσον για να κλείσει το σκόρ 6:2. Κωστόπουλος με 4-1.

Από την νίκητρια δέν υστέρησε κανένας και έπαιξαν οι:Καραμοβίζης,Χατζηπαναγιώτου,Σακκινιώτης,Κοτζαμυλάκης,Δοσκάς,Πήτερσον,Κωστόπουλος,Γκέσιος,Σταυρίδης,Λαζαρίδης και Παλατιδής.

Ο ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΝΩΣΗΣ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Ο Ποδοσφαιρικός Σύλλογος Α.Ε.Ποντίων διοργανώνει μεγάλο χορό στο πολυτελές Χάλ του Δημαρχείου του Ρίτσμοντ το Σάββατο 22 του Μην 1982 και από ώρα 7.30 μ.μ. θα υπάρχει Ποντιακή λύρα και τό συγκρότημα "Αρίωνες".Θά χορέψει δέ και Ποντιακή συγκρότημα.

Τιμή εισιτηρίου μετά φαγητό,μπύρας,άνα ψυκτικών : 15,00 δολάρια.

ΤΟ ΝΕΟ ΓΗΠΕΔΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΝΕΡΕΠΑΙΚΟΥ

Μετά από θετικές προσπάθειες του Δ.Συμβουλίου του Πανερραϊκού, ο σύλλογος απέκτησε καινούριο γήπεδο που βρίσκεται στο Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν και παραπλεύρως του γηπέδου της Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ.

ΟΙ ΠΑΛΑΙΜΑΧΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑΣ

Οι Παλαιμάχοι της Κλαρίντας νίκησαν με 7-1 την αντίστοιχη ομάδα του Σπρίνγκβέιλ.

Η ΔΟΞΑ ΗΤΑΝ ΤΡΟΜΕΡΗ ΚΑΙ ΔΙΕΒΥΣΕ ΤΟ ΡΗΤΖΕΝΤ ΜΕ 8-0

Η πρωτοπόρος του πρωταθλήματος της Β' κατηγορίας του Προβίτζιναλ Δόξα Γιάρραβιλ,συνεχίζοντας τις επιτυχίες της διέλυσε έκτός έδρας το Ρήτζεζντ με 8-0.

Πρίν να αναφερθούμε στην συνάντηση θά θέλαμε να γράψουμε το πρωτοφανές γεγονός που έγινε με τον διαιτητή κ. COLLIN ELLIS.

Συγκεκριμένα ο ρεφερέ ήταν άριστος σε όλη την διάρκεια του αγώνα και πήρε άριστα για την διαιτησία του (10) πλην όμως πώς μετά την συνάντηση... δίκινε την Δόξα αφού δήλωσε στην Ποδοσφαιρική Όμοσπονδία ότι το σκόρ ήταν 7-0 αντί για 8-0.

Τόσο στο 3ΕΑ όσο και στις εφημερίδες το σκόρ γράφτηκε 7-0 και άπορεί κανείς με την αστεία αυτή υπόθεση και αναρωτιέται αν το ποδόσφαιρο μπορεί να πάει έτσι μπροστά.

Φυσικά τά τέρματα ήταν πολλά και όπως δήποτε ο κ.ELLIS τά υπέρεψε αλλά θά θέλαμε να ξέρουμε σε τέτοιες περιπτώσεις τί κάνει η Όμοσπονδία; Καί ποιος γίνεται πιστευτός; Η δίκιμημένη ομάδα η δ διαιτητής;

Έίελες και έπειδή παρακολούθησα την συνάντηση θά αναφέρουμε την σειρά των τερμάτων και μάλιστα με τά λεπτά που ση μετώησαν.

Στο Α' 25λεπτο το Ρήτζεζντ έπαιξε δυνατά χωρίς όμως να απειλήσει την ελληνική ομάδα που έχασε δύο καλές ευκαιρίες.

Στο 26' ο Κ. Αποστολίδης απέκρουσε θαυματικά δυνατό σουτ των γηπεδούχων που ήταν και το μοναχικό της συνάντησης. Στην συνέχεια η Δόξα άρχισε τον χορό των τερμάτων.

Στο 27' ο Νίκος Μελέτης άνοιξε το σκόρ και στο 35' ο Νικολαΐδης άπό κοντά έφτιαξε το 2-0.

Στο 45' και σε ανατροπή του Μελέτη η Δόξα κέρδισε πέναλτυ.

Τό κτύπησε ο Τερζάκης και έκλεισε το Α' μέρος με 3-0 για την ελληνική ομάδα. Στο 55' ο Νικολαΐδης με τρομερό φούλ έξω άπό την περιοχή και πλάγια έγραψε το 4-0 και στο 62' ο Πετρίδης άπό κοντά πάσασε κάνοντας το σκόρ 5-0.

Τό 6-0 έγινε στο 73' με τον Μελέτη ο οποίος στο 84' παίρνοντας την μπάλλα μέσα στην περιοχή δέν δυσκολεύθηκε να πετύχει το 7-0.

Έέλος στο 90' πάλι ο Μελέτης άφου πέρασε δύο αντιπάλους έκλεισε το σκόρ 8-0. Άπό την ομάδα της Δόξας δέν υστέρησε κανένας.

Έπαιξαν οι: Ν.Αποστολίδης (75' Γκιάτας) Τ.Αθανασίδης,Ντέν, Αποστολίδης,Δημητρίου,Τερζάκης,Καλλιπολίτης(60' Ήραμπίδης) Νικολαΐδης,Πετρίδης,Χύτας,Παπαχριστοδούλου και Ν.Μελέτης.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 2-1 και με τέρματα του Άντρεά Μαρκάκη.

ΜΕΤΑΞΗ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΟΚΛΗ

Περίφημο τό Όκλα μέσα στο γήπεδό του πήρε δίκαια νίκη 3-0 επί του Έσσεκτον. Η κυανόλευκος που έκανε τό καλύτερο φετινό της παιχνίδι έκναπολίτσε τους φίλους της.

Ίσως η άλλαγή αυτή τά όφειλεται και στο ότι μπήκε στην ένδεκάδα ο Στεργίου που έδωσε άλλη μορφή στην έπιθετική γραμμή.

Τό Α' μέρος έληξε ισόπαλο 0-0 αλλά στην συνέχεια ο Πετρίδης (50') άνοιξε το σκόρ για να τό διπλασιάσει ο Στεργίου στο 65' Πέντε λεπτά πρό της λήξης ο Κοντοκώστας έφτιαξε το τελικό 3-0.

Δέν υστέρησε κανένας αλλά ξεχώρισαν οι Κοντοκώστας,Πετρίδης και Μπατινιότο. Έπαιξαν οι Πέτρον,Λουκάς,Μπατινιότο,Κριβάρης,Πεχλιβανίδης,Κοντοκώστας,Στογιάννου,Γ.Καμπυλάνης,Νταντίλας(70' Παπατσινιάς)Πετρίδης,Στεργίου(67'Β.Καμπυλάνης). Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε με 2-0 και με τέρματα των Παπαγεωργίου και Κριτσλίδης.

ΤΟ ΝΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΠΗΡΕ ΤΗΝ ΠΡΩΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΝΙΚΗ

Έκτός έδρας τό Μάλβερν νίκησε τό Μπέρικ με 2-0 και όπως φαίνεται άρχισε να βρίσκει τον παλιό καλό έαυτό του.

Η ελληνική ομάδα ήταν άνωτερη σε όλο το διάστημα της συνάντησης και έχασε πολλές ευκαιρίες.

Τά γκολ πέτυχαν οι Σκαμάγκας και Πετρόπουλος που ήταν και ο καλύτερος παίκτης της συνάντησης.

Η σύνθεση:Μακέν,Παπαδόπουλος,Πολαμάρας,Λιαράκος,Σαματζής,Ρούμπος,Ν.Παλαμάρας,Τσώμος(46' Διόλιος),Λιχοδής,Πετρόπουλος και Σκαμάγκας.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 3-1 (Διόλιος 2 και Χαλδοβίτης).

Οι Ιζρηδες του Μάλβερν νίκησαν τό Χαυ Πόντ με 4-3 και με σκόρρες τούς Ντάλλα 2,Μορτόσι και Μπάρν.

ΘΡΙΑΜΒΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑΣ

Περίφημη η Κλαρίντα πέτυχε μιά ακόμη με γάλη νίκη επί του Κέβιντον με 6-1.

Στο Α' μέρος τό αποτέλεσμα ήταν ισόπαλο 1-1 αλλά στην επανάληψη η ελληνική ομάδα παίζοντας άραίο ποδόσφαιρο και παρά το ότι άγωνιόταν με 10 παίκτες άπό τό 50' λόγω αποβολής του Κουβαρά,κατόρθωσε να πετύχει πέντε τέρματα.

Εκδόρες οι Καλέντα 2,Μ.Καμπαρντινάς,Τοπαλίδης,Κ.Κόφος και Τοπαλίδης.

Καλύτερος τόν άγώνας ήταν ο Τοπαλίδης και τόνάκολουθησαν οι Κοζιάρης,Κόφος,Πολύζος Έπαιξαν οι Κασίτης,Πολύζος, Αποστολίδης,Κόφος,Μ. και Τ. Καμπαρντινάς,Π.Κόφος,Κ.Κόφος,Τασιόπουλος,Καλέντα,Τοπαλίδης,Μήτσου,Κοζιάρης και Κουβαράς.

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